

Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Zoom Call, April 21, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Present: Pr. Julie, R. Churchill, L. Wendell, C. Broderick, S. Demeter, A. Johnson, C. McVeigh, J. Pompey

Pr. Julie opened with prayer.

R. Churchill complimented Pr. Julie for her very efficient handling of all that she has accomplished with our worship services during these present circumstances (Covid 19)

Choir/Bells J. Pompey said that she is operating on the premise that we might be back to some sort of normalcy by June. In the meantime, she will arrange for solos from the balcony for our recorded blended worship services. She expects to have the choir back by August, the Bells back by September.

The company (Melmar?) which will do the refurbishing of the bells is presently closed. Jayne suggests putting the refurbishing off until next year. No objections expressed

Praise Band C. McVeigh stated that she is maintaining contact with band members and expects they can probably be back when the choir is- in August. Three of the choir are self isolated. In the interim she will help with solos for the blended services.

Altar Guild C. Broderick asked if there is anything that needs to be done during these quarantine times. There is no shortage of altar supplies. She was surprised to see the altar paraments used during Lent. She was not aware that we had them. Pastor said she found them among the others. Pastor asked if we could find some with white or lucid fabric to drape the cross during the Sundays of the Easter season. C.B. Replied that although fabric stores are closed, she may find something to order by mail.

R. Churchill expressed thanks to C. McVeigh for all that she was called upon to do during the recorded services of Lent and Easter. She replied that she found it challenging and that she learned a great deal.

R. Churchill noted that Holden Eve. Prayer services will continue every Wed. Night. Many are tuning in and he has hear positive comments. Pastor noted that the Stolls ans Julie Merrick and others are scheduled for the short message portions in the weeks ahead. A comment was made that the camera needs to be focused more on the altar and not scanned catching people walking around.

There was some discussion about purchasing a good camera (and what one would cost) because there is a consensus that we should continue To record worship services after the Covid Quarantine is all over. It reaches many people who otherwise cannot or would not attend church in person.

There was a recommendation for Council that funds approved for the Stair Chair be used for a camera, and the Stair Chair purchase be postponed (not abandoned) A. Johnson noted that D. Johnson would like to contribute to such a purchase and it was commented that there are likely others who see this as worthy purchase to improve our live stream/ and or recording outreach. We could also use grants, endowments, and other sources for funds. If we venture into this endeavor after the quarantine days (weeks) we will need camaraderie operators. Once we resume normal operations, Joe Zimmerly will no longer be available as he will be working with our youth and children. More discussion on live streaming or recording and posting immediately after. It was commented that it is not easy for everyone to access You Tube, Facebook, etc. and perhaps we will need to offer a tutorial on how to do this.

Pastor brought up alternating pulpits with Pastor Greg at St. Columba's. Some commented they prefer Pastor Julie only, but she replied that we should be joining in unity with others with whom we already share communion, i.e. Methodist and Episcopal congregations. We agreed to alternating and we will continue with the liturgy we are using now throughout the Easter Season.

More discussion on continuing to record services. We would need to have two cameras. Where would they be located so as not to be disruptive after we are back to worshipping in person? Suggestions were made re: learning how other congregations (i.e. Ascension Lutheran and others) are doing, what works well and what doesn't, camera operators need to be skilled if a professional outcome is expected, etc.

Pastor brought up various communion methods used during quarantine time. We could just use the Service of the Word or other short service and not have communion offered. Some have provided their own bread and wine at home while listening (seeing) recorded or live streamed worship with the Eucharist. Consensus seemed to be that we continue our "Spiritual Communion" as we have been since the quarantine began.

L. Wenzel commented that some may not have a bulletin in front of them, so the ones leading the virtual service need to announce each part of the service(i.e. speaking to children or adults)

R.Churchill and Pastor thanked Allison and all others who helped to make our virtual services so successful. R. Churchill proposed not setting a specific date for our next meeting and it was agreed to call a meeting when necessary.

We closed praying the Lord's Prayer together

Respectfully Submitted, Sonja Demeter

Worship and Music Committee Meeting March 5, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Present: Pr Julie, R Churchill, G Erwin, C McVeigh, A Johnson, S Demeter, D Sobolik, K Sou, J Pompey, K Gramacki.

Karen Gramacki : There is a need for more Communion Assistants, Ushers and Lectors. (There are enough Ass't Ministers). How to recruit.? One on one asking, Having a table up during hospitality hour, Using HS youth for these positions, Have a sign up sheet at back of Narthex and on line.

Linda Frank has donated a piano which will replace the one in the Parish Life Center.
R Churchill on COVID 19: Wash hands thoroughly and often, don't touch eyes or mouth. Communion Ass'ts will use Hand Sanitizer, communicants may receive only the bread as each element in itself is sufficient to communicate God's grace; we will not use common cup during this time, and individual cups plus intimation will be offered. During passing of the peace, no bare touching—use head nods, elbow touching or waves, and more space between communicants will be the rule at the communion rail.

Status of the Stair Chair: Concern has been expressed over whether it will be noisy and whether it should even be used during the services. The railing on one side of the stairwell will have to be eliminated. Will the chair be so wide as to prevent using the stairs in the usual manner? Stan Patscheck will be involved in the choice and the Property Comm. will coordinate with the W/M Comm. in final decisions.

Choir/Bells: K Sou stated that she found her introduction to bell ringing intimidating and she is not sure whether she will be joining the bell choir.
J Pompey noted that the choir is learning new music. Both choir and bells will perform on Maunday Thursday, but not on Good Friday. When choir sings at both services, they will sing early in the 2nd Service so members can slip out. A comment was made that the Communion hymn should be familiar and singable and with words and music on the wall to encourage participation.

Praise Band: C Mc Veigh stated that discussion with Pastor re: contemporary music, etc. is ongoing, that they have different backgrounds, but are sorting things out amiably. Praise Band has held a Healing Service, and Matt (last name ?) is a new permanent member.

Altar Guild: No report from Altar Guild.

We discussed Easter flowers. Many people have allergies to regular lilies, but Calla lilies are OK. Congregants can bring blooming flowers, and Church will augment. Altar Guild should coordinate flowers and flower cross. The Hallelujah banner will be hung.

Pastor's Report: Palm Sunday will be our own, but 6 a.m. sunrise service on Easter will be with St. Columba's. 8:30 and 10AM services will be "blended". Good Friday service at noon will have organ music only. Breakfast served by Youth on Easter between services. Pastor is starting to offer a short Communion service on 2nd Wednesday's at 3PM for folks who can't come on Sundays. Good Fri. "Ashes to Go" served about 20 people. Spring Concert will be on 2nd #Sunday in June during one service at 10.
Bells will be sent out for refurbishment in May.

We need to extend our hospitality to serve 2nd service attendees. C McVeigh will try to get someone to coordinate this. It is important
We need to encourage more reverent silence on Sundays, at least during Lent! (and leaving in silence after Lenten Wednesday evenings.)

The City has permitted us to put up banners 4 times a year for forty days. Becky Riley and Bill Stoll are arranging for this, and a banner will be up soon.

Karen Sou passed out copies of "The Practice of Passionate Worship" for members to read and consider. Also, she (and others) is recommending the use of "With One Voice" hymnals.
Allison Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

Worship and Music Committee Meeting February 10, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Present: Pastor Julie, R. Churchill, J. Pompey, C. McVeigh, A. Johnson, D. Sobolik, S. Demeter
Pastor Julie opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting are on website.

Choir/Bells New bell ringer Karen Sou (formally Karen Cherry).

Reason choir members go up and down stairs to lead congregation in chanting of psalms and many want to sit with their families

Some wish to stay downstairs because they have trouble negotiating stairs. Remedy coming as the cost of chair lift is now an approved budget item.

Acoustics are better upstairs, however choir members are spread apart because of bell tables and equipment and seating is not comfortable for all. Pr. Julie asked if choir could sit in the far right side of the sanctuary. Much discussion, no decision

Bells are now being put away after each performance or practice

Comment made that chanting of psalms is difficult to do for many and suggested they be spoken instead of chanted.

Complaint made of tempo of some hymns is too slow. Suggested that choir rehearse hymns for following Sunday and give input re: tempo and be ready to lead congregation.

It is helpful when music is projected on wall.

Suggestion that choir commune together and then lead the communion hymn, since the congregation often does not sing it.

Praise Band: They are working on Lenten music. Have budget and permission to hire a percussionist, but drummers hard to find.

Altar Guild: Still needing new members. Discussion about how to prevent spilled wine during Communion. It is important to explain how to commune when there are a large number of guests, as at a funeral.

Pastor's Report: Lenten Wed. Evenings after Ash Wednesday—5:00 Adult Study in office, Potluck soup supper at 6, Holden Evening Prayer with short message at 7. Sundays during Lent will change the liturgy and use Apostle's Creed.

Pastor and C McVeigh are in continuing discussions about the format of the Contemporary Service re: Prayers of the people, Healing Services, What IS Contemporary Christian music?, that they need their own hospitality committee, etc.

It was suggested that we find our With One Voice hymnals and use them. Sent from Return to changes for Lent: The Cross will be draped with purple cloth and the crucifix also. For Good Friday the altar area will be completely stripped. Bells will play on Maunday Thursday, choir will sing on Good Friday. Instead of Easter Vigil, it was decided to have a 6 AM Sunrise Service, possibly in conjunction with Episcopal and/or Methodist congregations. On Easter—2 Traditional services, 1 Contemporary with breakfast between which will be a fund raiser for the Youth Group.

Other worship comments/suggestions: Use modern version of Lord's Prayer, or alternate. Have birthdays and anniversaries projected on the wall as before. Change Children's "message" to Children's "Blessing". Make it clear in the Sunday bulletin when to stand or to sit. Need a Head Usher who will train ushers and make sure they are present when scheduled. Have more publicity for Mt. Cross in the newspaper or The Acorn. Adjourned praying Lord's prayer together. Next meeting, March 5, 9 a.m.

Worship and Music Committee Meeting December 9, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Pr Julie, Carina McVeigh, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin, Carol Broderick, Allison Johnson, Denise Sobolik, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter.

The meeting was opened with prayer by pastor Julie.
Minutes of the last meeting were not available; they are on the Church website.

Staff Reports:

Choir/Bells: J Pompey reported that choir & Bell choir music is ready for the Christmas Concert. She noted that Choir members who wish to sit with their families have been instructed to leave for the choir loft after the psalm in the worship service.

There was some discussion on a plan for "Godspeed" service for the Riley family on Dec. 15 since they have contributed so much to Mt. Cross in the short time they have belonged here. There is a service in the LBW and it will be used. In addition, it was decided to give them an ornament engraved with "Rooted in God's grace...etc."and that this will become our practice for other members who move away. G Ervin reported that the organ has finally been tuned!

Praise Band: C McVeigh reported that the band is doing fine and are preparing for their part in the Christmas concert. A percussionist is still needed, and no one among the Church youth has responded to her appeal.

Rpt from Council: A Johnson reported that Council wonders if the bells might not need refurbishing if they were better cared for. J Pompey replied that the bells are covered with a cloth after each use and that to polish and put them away after each performance would be too time consuming. It was noted that on Wed nights some children have been observed running up and down the stairs to the loft and that this has the potential of harm to the bells and other equipment as well as potential for injury to the children. Two suggestions to Council: Cordon off the stairs, and ask J Zimmerly to remind the children that the loft is off limits.

Pastor/Services: We discussed the history of the choir loft, choir being "up" and "down", that

Mt Cross owns risers, and the fact that that when the choir is "up" the new choir robes cannot be appreciated by the congregation. Consensus seemed to be that each location for the choir has merits and variation is OK. In 1st Service, there was a question about when the birthdays/anniversaries will be shown on the wall. Zimmerly & McVeigh will be doing a training with the youth who are handling the audio/video so that it will be consistent. Pastor will continue to make announcements only at the end of the service (unless it pertains to the service). She will continue to explain how Communion will be conducted. C Broderick noted that this is important for visitors and new members. Pastor questioned the use of the pew attendance books. They are not used by everyone, and the accurate count of attendance is done by the ushers. There were several comments, pro and con: I.e. it is helpful to new people to learn names of others in their row, it's not accurate since some do not sign it, etc. D Sobolik said that a "member" is someone who attends at least once a year, and contributes at least once a year, so the books are one way to monitor particular attendance. All agreed that if the books are eliminated, some system will be needed to replace them. Pastor said she had heard all opinions and would take them into consideration.

Bible Studies/Adult Ed: A discussion ensued over whether Bible studies should be clergy -led or Lay-led. There were pros and cons offered. There were positive comments about the Thanksgiving service led by A Johnson and the adult class she led on The Churchless, as well as the current Adult class being presented on A Christmas Carol by Mark Storer, which someone noted were not studies of Scripture. There "seemed" to be a consensus that both clergy and lay leaders should be used, but that further discussion might be needed re: the study of Scripture. The Wed night study of Sun lessons, Men's and Women's studies led by Pastor are going well. Recent training for ushers went well.

Stair Chair: \$12,000 seems to be a fair cost by two separate estimates. Acorn Co. has come and measured , but we are not committed to them. Discussion was all positive about the need for the chair as there are currently musicians who have physical limitations to climbing stairs and there are bound to be more since Mt Cross is a congregation with a majority of older members.

Other Items: Altar Guild will order poinsettias to dress the altar for Christmas, and members may sponsor/dedicate for \$5 each.

Next meeting- Feb. 10, 9:30 AM.

Sonja Demeter

**Worship & Music Committee Meeting
November 4, 2019 9:30 AM**

Attendees: Pr Julie, Carina McVeigh, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin, Carol Broderick, Allison Johnson, Denise Sobolik, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter.

Pr J opened with prayer preceded by our singing Hallelujah, We sing your praises!

Staff Reports

Choir/Bells- Jayne P brought up continuing need for stair lift to loft. Randy C noted that the lift he thought was available, is not. To buy and install one would cost abt \$3-5,000, and that this would be an appropriate request for some MBC funds. The Bells need to be refurbished.

Organist- Guy E reported he is still waiting for tuner Dale Schweitzer to contact that he is available. Guy will need to contact Mr S, as tuning is way overdue.

Praise Band- Carina Mc V noted that Marian is still out & PB would welcome more singers. Jayne said that someone could be “borrowed” from choir, and Randy said that he has someone in mind and would talk to Carina after the meeting.

Altar Guild- Carol B wants to use a carafe for Communion wine that looks “more presentable” and had seen one that had a wooden base. Randy noted that Bob Winters is a talented wood worker and could possibly make something. Wine-stained linens are being cleaned. She asked about having the elements consecrated separately for each service, and Pr J said that this will be done. We discussed proper disposal of elements, and it was a consensus that they be buried or poured out on the Prayer Garden. Discussed using real bread rather than wafers as was done for Pr J’s Installation. We need to find recipes that make a less “crumbly” bread, use Pita or other form of bread.

Pastor- Funeral for Claire Petersen will be on Sat. Nov. 16, 11 AM and will include Communion per family request. A new Home Communion scheduler is needed as M Goodenough is resigning. Property Committee is recommending the use of artificial candles for Christmas and Lenten services for both safety and maintenance reasons (I.e. spilled wax, burn holes in upholstery). W/M Committee rejected this recommendation and it was decided to use real candles this year and then assess any damage afterwards and decide if we need to change for next year. Allison J agreed to help clean up any spilled wax and Pr J will give detailed and specific instructions regarding transfer of flames immediately before it occurs in the services.

Pr J gave a hearty “Thank You” to all for her successful and beautiful Installation service.

We discussed the recent incident involving a mentally impaired man coming on Mt Cross campus and harassing Pr Julie, first on Wed night, Oct 30 and returning on following Sunday. He came into the service for awhile on Sun, and was verbally disruptive on the patio. John Colby IV ushered him off campus and notified law enforcement, and learned that he is already known to local law enforcement, and that he harasses other churches. It is possible that there is a restraining order against him that covers all places of worship. This needs to be verified, and if true, we can call 911 immediately if he comes onto our property again. Ushers/Greeters Committee will be appointing a “point person” to watch for him on Sundays. Pr J, who is not unused to dealing with the mentally ill, admitted she felt uneasy about this one! Darryl, who witnessed the Wed. encounter has said that the comments to Pr J were both inappropriate and threatening.

First Service - No report except the aforementioned problem some choir members (and others) have with the stairs.

Second Service - It is good to have their own bulletin, morale is improved, and attendance is up. (60+).

Denise S made several suggestions:

Names of Baptism participants should be in the bulletin.

On All Saint’s Day, names of members deceased in the year should be projected on the wall.

Ushers must not “visit” during the service - they can be heard in the sanctuary!

Ushers need to be instructed to hold late comers back until an appropriate time to enter and be seated.

Some have asked that since Mt Cross has a majority of older members, why we kneel for Communion?

Pastor noted that members are welcome to remain standing, but apparently some say that standing while others are kneeling makes them feel conspicuous or uncomfortable. Pr J agreed to have a walk-by Communion on one Sun a month.

We need to plan some sort of farewell event for the Riley family since in their short time with us, they have contributed generously to our congregational life.

On Veteran's Day, we need to have a Patriotic hymn and have veterans stand and be recognized.

We briefly discussed having an American flag in the sanctuary. There was strong opinion expressed both for and against, but no time to explore the issue at this time.

Budget-Randy reminded all groups to submit budget requests. Carina proposed raising the budget amount for Altar Supplies, and changing the line item name to Altar Supplies/Worship Materials because she has had to pay for several items out of Office Supplies that clearly did not meet that definition. Discussion resulted in consensus that three separate items: Altar, Office Supplies, and Worship Materials be listed, and expenses be taken from the specifically appropriate fund. Proposed raises to any of these should be submitted to Council.

Carina asked that the budget item now called Contemporary Service be re-named Praise Band Music and Supplies and further, that a new line item be named Guest Musicians, to be a fund used for either of our services for special events or festivals. Jayne concurred and the committee approved this addition.

Carina also recommended that \$3600 per year be set aside for a percussionist for PB, and Randy said this would be an appropriate expenditure to be covered by the Endowment Fund.

Coming Special Events-

Wed., Nov 27 - 7 PM - Thanksgiving Vesper Service. Allison Johnson will preside, and Hospitality Committee will serve pies following the service.

Dec. 15, 7PM - Christmas Concert/Children's Program. Hospitality Committee will host a dessert reception after.

Christmas Eve services - 5 PM Family service; 8PM. Traditional service.

Dec. 29 - One service at 9:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer together.

Next meeting - Dec. 9, 9:30 AM

Worship/Music Committee Meeting Oct 7, 2019

Present: R. Churchill, G. Erwin, J. Pompey, A. Johnson, S. Demeter, D. Sobolik, C. McVeigh, and Pastor Julie

Pr. Julie opened meeting with prayer. Pastor's installation will be No. 3, at 2 p.m. All musical groups will be represented. We will sing "All Are Welcome" with the Choir and Praise Band. Pastor noted that she is working on the children's moment and wants to include blessing the children. Some discussion of a change in the bulletin cover and size of font, but per Carina, it would be impractical to have a stiffer cover, and larger font would add 4 pages. It will remain as it is.

The attendance at contemp. Service is growing; it was 69 on last Sunday. A Second chalice bearer was needed. Randy complimented the beautiful display of quilts and such a large number and noted that a picture of them in the sanctuary would be a good PR piece. A comment was made that sometimes the projectionist does not keep up with the readings on Sundays. Joe Z. will be giving them (Youth) more training to remedy this problem. It was asked whether power point would be used during sermons, as Pastor John used to do. Pastor Julie said she had never done this, but is not opposed to it. A. Johnson reported that the listening device for the nursery attendants works; she was in the nursery last Sunday and will continue as needed until a permanent person is hired. The Adult Ed. Bible Study on Sundays is attracting 20 or more. J. Pompey stated that the choir wants to return to the choir loft. To be in front is too confusing and acoustics are better upstairs. Some members do now and will in the future have problems with the stairs. R. Churchhill stated that he has a stair lift that could be installed. Jayne is still recruiting for bell ringers.

Guy is waiting for the tuner to call him re: date to have the organ tuned. He praised the new bulletin format. Carina: Praise band is looking for a drummer discussed whether a stipend could be given as one was given previously to someone who came from a long distance. Randy said this would be an appropriate budget request. There was no report from Altar Guild as Carol was not present. Pastor Julie noted Communion format will not change; it will continue as it was last Sunday- wafer followed by communion cup and then intinction. Randy noted there is too much standing for some congregants backs and knees.

Wednesday night programs are going well. Discussed using Holden Evening Prayer service during Advent and Lent. Decided only during Lent. Carina has a Bible Study she would like to lead. Denise noted that the Adult Ed Committee want one that is clergy led, but agreed that an additional one would be fine. Randy noted that if this is further discussed we should keep an open mind and that much can be learned from a lay leader and from each other.

We need to develop a worship calendar i.e. for when to decorate for Advent/ Christmas, banner hanging etc. Pastor Julie asked about what is traditional for Reformation Sunday and the only help given her by the committee was that we wear red! Denise brought up having 3 services on Christmas Eve., but Randy quickly retorted that 2 was enough and that was the consensus of the rest of the Committee. Jim Prosser has volunteered to be our Head Usher and also be responsible for all participants being present.

We need training for all worship participants and one is planned for Sat. AM 10/19/19 for assist. ministers and communion assistants.

We need a training for medical response i.e. what to do in a medical emergency. Randy passed out a list of the duties of this committee and Budget Request Instructions. Jayne asked about a review and possible increase in music staff salaries,

and Randy said a budget request form was the appropriate procedure for such a request.

Carina noted that planning needs to begin for the Christmas Concert, including a children's choir. Randy agreed and said it was great to see the number of Youth who served at the Make Bake dinner. Carina, Joe, and Jayne will be coordinating the Xmas concert. Randy wondered whether this committee needs to meet every month; Pr. Julie said that it should. the next meeting is set for Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. (Randy will bring goodies!) The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 with praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Sonja Demeter

Worship/Music Committee Meeting, September 12, 2019

Present were: Pr. Julie, Chairman Randy Churchill, Allison Johnson, (Council Rep), Denise Sobolik (Adult Educ), Carol Broderick, Sonja Demeter, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin, Carina McVeigh.

Pr. Julie opened with prayer. Randy reported that he had attended an Executive Committee meeting at which worship times were discussed and at which Pres Craig Blois asked that the W/M comm. discuss the issue further and make a recommendation to Council, after which Council would consider our input, but make the final decision.

Other items were discussed including the importance of Fellowship time on Sundays, the equal importance of Adult SS class, the Praise Band feeling that their being moved to an evening time slot would further split up our congregation. The PB members have felt under used and under appreciated this summer as they have only been 15% of the summer services. It was asked whether having the Contemporary Service shorter than the Traditional indicated that it was a less important service, but Carina noted that the Contemp. Service may end up being shorter by nature because they want to eliminate some service components (I.e. liturgy) which led to the comment that the Contemp. Service attendees, Pr. J and PB need to consider. Just what "Contemporary" worship means. However, this is not an issue to be decided at this time.

Before returning focus to worship times for Sunday worship, we did come to this consensus: that we must have two services and the Contemporary service should have it's own bulletin, not just a page in a single bulletin. Back to the discussion of worship times. Pr. Julie noted that some older members have told her that it is difficult to get to church at an early hour because of age related/health issues which drew a comment that it can be equally difficult for young families to get themselves plus young children ready early. Several time schedules (options) were discussed but this committee could not come to a consensus. It was noted that we seemed weighted toward beginning with the traditional service at 8:30, but no total consensus.

It was agreed that the Worship Comm. Would back up any decision made by the Council, that no one present would commit Hari Kari over the final decision, and Pr. Julie reminded us that (thankfully) the time slot for worship is not a salvation issue.

Several options were presented:

1. 8:30-9:30 Traditional
9:30-10:30 Fellowship
10-11 Contemporary
11:15-12 Adult Ed.
2. 9:00-10 Traditional
10-10:30 Fellowship
10:30-11:30 Contemporary
11:30-12:30 Adult Ed.
3. 8:30-9:30 Traditional
9:30-10:30 Fellowship
10-10:50 Adult Ed.
11-12 Contemporary
4. 9-10 Traditional
10:15-11:00 Contemporary
11:10-12 Adult Ed
(Fellowship?)

We dismissed by praying the Lord's Prayer together

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Demeter

Worship and Music Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 27, 9:30am

Attendees: Pastor Julie Morris, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Guy Ervin, Carina McVeigh, Jayne Pompey, Jerry Warren, Denise Sobelik, La Jean Wenzel, Carol Broderick, Allison Johnson

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Julie. Introductions of all.

Chairman R Churchill noted that the Committee leaderships' function is to support the Committee and hear the thoughts and comments of all members.

Choir/Bells: J Pompey announced that next Sunday is celebrating the theme "God's Work, Our Hands" and we will be singing a Gathering hymn written for the occasion by Wayne Wold sung to the tune of Earth and All Stars.

Dec. 15, 7 PM is the proposed date and time for the Christmas program for the children and congregation including Choir, Bells, congregational singing, and goodies.

General approval of this date and time by members present.

Carina presented a request by a group to use the sanctuary on Dec, 14, but this

decision

Is a Council function.

There was some discussion about decorating the sanctuary for Christmas while it is still Advent. Pastor Julie OK'd having the tree lit for programs, but prefers "keeping the Advent season" during Sunday worship services.

JPompey noted that she needs bell ringers badly; that a regular ringer has recently left.

Most ringers would need to have some musical aptitude, but some seldom played bass note bells could be handled by someone without training. It was noted that Rally Day is a good time to recruit.

Organist Gay Ervin noted that a very talented trumpeter would be playing for Betsy Meyer's funeral, and he is hopeful that said trumpeter could contribute to our worship to our worship service on the Sunday following. Guy reported that the organ is in need of tuning - and soon, as he is needing to avoid using some keys!

Carina said that she will be using Dominic as her substitute when she is absent. Also she needs new members for the band.

Altar Guild: Carol Broderick reported that new candles have been ordered and that all is well with the AG, but that she, too, could use more volunteers. A class will be offered for new volunteers.

a brief discussion ensued, mentioning several ways for all committees/groups to recruit including Sunday bulletins, special colored inserts, and the Grapevine.

Allison Johnson said that Pastor Julie's stoles need altering. C.B. Volunteered to do this to avoid paying for an outside service.

R. Churchill expressed a positive feeling that the many changes here will result in new growth and announced that one of those is the hiring of Joe Zimmerly as the new Youth Director.

Service time /changes: Randy noted that Pastor Julie favors 9 am for the traditional service. After some discussion it was agreed by those present to try the following Sunday am schedule, beginning Oct. 6: Traditional 9 am, Fellowship 10, Adult Ed. 10:30, Contemporary Service at a time to be determined, possibly Sunday afternoon or evening. It was emphasized that this is not "set in stone" and can be changed if it does not work. Pastor Julie noted that she wants consistency in worship times.

Training: It is needed for Assistant Ministers and Comm. assistants and this will be planned for the Fall. Probably on a Sat. (With coffee and donuts!), Ushers need a head usher to coordinate, and it was mentioned that acolytes are not showing up as scheduled. This later problem will be addressed by Joe Zimmerly. Randy noted that in view of the recent attacks on Churches and other gathering places that an "awareness person" with a ready phone be assigned to each service. Bill Stoll will be attending a

shooter awareness training class soon.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting on Mon. Sept 23, 2019 9:30 am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 5/9/2019

Attendees: Pastor Jim Bessey, , Carol Broderick, Randy Churchill, Guy Ervin, Allison Johnson, Carina McVeigh, Jayne Pompey

Pastor Bessey - Opened in Prayer

Next Meeting: 6/6/19 – 9:30 a.m.

Last minutes were approved.

Pastor has proposed that we do one Sunday service during the summer at 9:30 a.m. from 6/9 to 8/25 resuming to two services on 9/1 and it was approved by the committee.

Allison Johnson brought to the committee that the council would like to see communion singing during communion time. It was approved by the committee.

Jayne Pompey reported for the choir that the 6/2 concert was coming along nicely and the summer special music schedule was filling up with volunteers. She also had a concern that the bells might be cut due to budget concerns but her concerns were put to rest.

Bells are scheduled for refurbishment in 2020 and the funds are in the budget.

Carina McVeigh will be on sabbatical from 6/9 – 8/11 and will resume her Praise Band responsibilities upon her return.

Guy Ervin will play some communion songs during communion this Sunday.

Carol Broderick has assumed the Altar Guild responsibility and is very positive regarding the assistance she has received. The sacristy has received a thorough cleaning and labeling of the drawers.

Committee closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jayne Pompey

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2/20/2019

Attendees: Pastor Jim Bessey, Karen Cherry, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Guy Ervin, Karina McVeigh, Jayne Pompey, Meredith Smith

Pastor Bessey - Opened in Prayer

Next Meeting: 5/2/2019 – 9:30 a.m.

Last minutes were approved.

Minutes will be taken by Sonja Demeter going forward.

Meredith and Karen gave a presentation on establishing a Pray Ground in the sanctuary while the services are being held. This would be an area in the sanctuary where the younger children with their parents could work on quiet activities and still be a part of the service. It was well received by the Worship Committee as a way to involve young families at Mount Cross.

Discussion was had regarding have the choir to go forward to the altar by having them sit in the two front pews which would take less time for them to get to the altar to sing the anthem.

Jayne Pompey recommended that for the Spring Concert we do a blended 10:00 a.m. service. Each group would supply two special pieces during the service and theme would be “Make A Joyful Noise” with the possibility of a lunch after the service. It was accepted. A lunch would have to be approved by the Hospitality Committee.

We will use the Holden Evening Prayer for the Wednesday evening Lenten services.

Bell Choir rehearsal during Lent will be 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. This allows bell choir members to take part in the soup/bread dinner.

Possibility of having the Praise Band provide gathering music and the beginning of Lenten services TBD.

Sunday after Easter 4/28 there will be 10:00 blended service.

Discussion when there a 5th Sunday in the month could we do a blended service.

There will be an Easter Vigil service.

There will be 2 Easter services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. with Easter breakfast in between.

Discussion on implementing a separate program bulletin for the 10:00 a.m. Praise Band service.

Search is still on for an Altar Guild Chair Person.

Committee closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jayne Pompey

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 10/2/18

Attendees: Jan Beat, Pastor Jim Bessey, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Jayne Pompey, Tina Riley

Randy Churchill Opened in Prayer

Choir – this year Halloween falls on a Wed. night so I will canvass the bell/choir to see if we can move the rehearsal to Tues. night that week.

The Christmas Concert will be moved to 12/16 so it is closer to Christmas. Doing research to see who can host the dessert reception after the concert. Also working with Meredith to include the children in the concert which will help the attendance -.

Still looking for assistance with Altar Guild – notices will be placed in the Sunday bulletins and the Grapevine.

2 cases of wine have been ordered and picked up by Pastor in Los Angeles which should give us a 30 week supply.

Make It Bake It – very positive response to auction and the Sunday service/luncheon. 22K was raised as a result of the auction.

Praise Band Update – we have a Cal U graduate candidate named Karina who will be at the 10/11 rehearsal and will lead the band on Sunday 10/14. Pastor also has the names of 3 other possible candidates which he will contact.

Considering 2 separate Sunday bulletins specific to each service 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Discussion re: Praise Band Service that this is the time to revamp the service and try to increase attendance.

Randy Churchill to attend one of the Lutheran praise services in Santa Maria so see how they utilize the With One Voice book in their service.

Discussion on having the pastor wear a liturgical shirt rather than full liturgical robe and possible preaching the 10:00 sermon in front on the congregation to give a more intimate feel to the service.

Discussion on the possibility of doing one blended service per quarter.

First 8:00 a.m. service tends to run 10 minutes over the hour – discussion on starting the prelude at 8:25.

Announcements tend to be lengthy – discussion putting them in the back of the bulletin and only announcing the events that happening that week.

Thanksgiving service will be the Wed. prior to Thanksgiving followed by a pie social.

Positive feedback on having the sanctuary choir sing downstairs.

Further discussion on video for the bell choir.

All Saints Sunday – discussion on having congregation light candles for the saints that have gone before at the beginning of the services.

Discussion re: Advent Wreath and Advent Banners

Discussion of having 2 services on Christmas Eve 5:00 and 8:00 only.

No service on Christmas Day.

One service at 10:00 a.m. on 12/30 – no choir or praise band

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting 11/13 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Jayne Pompey

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 8/21/18

Attendees: Pastor Jim Bessey, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Devin Mulligan, Jayne Pompey, Tina Riley

Pastor Opened in Prayer

It was announced that Devin Mulligan, Praise Band Leader has accepted a full-time teaching position at Ascension Lutheran School as a music instructor. Her last Sunday with the Mount Cross Praise Band will be Sunday 9/9.

The position is being posted on several job websites.

The Personnel Committee will be advised of Devin's resignation.

Service in the Park 8/26 at 10:00 a.m.

Matt Case and Jesse are willing to play their guitars for the service and the program will be kept informal. The Henrys are going to bring chairs and set them up.

Discussion on formatting a separate bulletin program for the Praise Service was discussed and will move forward after 9/9. It was felt this would enhance the flow of the service. Move forward when new praise director is hired to make the service have a better flow.

Discussion on having the Council be more transparent re: the pastoral search.

Sanctuary Choir/Bells: Search for a permanent bell member as one member will not ring with the group this season. September is taken care of.

The Christmas Concert theme will be a Poetic Christmas and has been approved by Pastor Bessey. The children will be joining in at the concert. Talk to Dan Nelson re: the concert reception. Spoke to Jim Gramacki re: filming the bell choir during the Christmas Concert.

Childrens' Choir discussion – there is a lack of attendance to move forward.

Tina Riley presented several items that she collected from congregational members during the refreshment time in between services:

- We should sing during communion

- Familiar hymns should be played during communion

- There should be instruction in bulletin for communion

- Make sure guests are invited for coffee and refreshments after service

- Notations should be in bulletin when to stand/sit

- Skip search process and call Pastor Julie Morris

- Prepare mailing list to those moving into new housing complex in Camarillo

- Call an associate pastor who speaks Spanish

- Piano has been moved in to make it easier to pass during communion

Altar Guild: volunteers have been coming forward to assist.

Sacramental Wine is being scheduled for purchase.

Sonja thought it would be helpful to have the introduction material read prior to the readings but Pastor thought it would lengthen the service.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting 10/2 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Jayne Pompey

WORSHIP MEETING MINUTES

5/1/18

Attendees: Pastor Jim Bessey, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Randy Churchill, Guy Ervin, Sonya Demeter, Joanna Wallschleger, Tina Riley, Jan Beat.

The candle was lit and Pastor Jim opened in prayer.

Pastor's Report – very pleased with the Easter services. Hopes to incorporate the foot washing in future Easter services.

Choir – In 2 weeks choir is singing a communion anthem and we will move it into the offertory spot to keep it closer to communion. Positive feedback on the new choir robes.

Bells – Make an appeal on summer newsletter that we could use 2 more bell ringers.

Praise Band – They would like to implement a separate praise band bulletin.

Organist – The high A needs repair on the organ but it will wait until the next tuning.

Notes concerning 8:30 service:

Choir director will be sensitive to anthems that the congregation may not know. Pick up the tempo on This is the Feast. Council to notify the Worship Committee when services may run longer than an hour in order to stay within the service hour. Possibly eliminate the announcements at the end of the service and rely on the bulletin to transmit that info. Implement sitting during the prayer to accommodate those that have trouble standing for a long time. Clarification on number of chalices that should be used during communion. Positive feedback on the children's sermon.

Notes concerning 10:00 service:

They would like to have a separate bulletin for the 10:00 service. Attendance has been down at the 10:00 service. Brainstorm ways to make the service more upbeat and have more fellowship time following the service...ie coffee, barbeque.

General:

Positive feedback on Pastor Jim. Continue to work on putting together a childrens choir. Jayne Pompey is now taking the minutes at our meetings. Start preparation for the summer service in the park scheduled for 8/26 at 10:00 a.m. Organize a blessing of the backpacks service on 9/2 at the 10:00 a.m. service to bless the children as they return to school.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7/24 at 9:30 a.m.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Jayne Pompey

**Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting
February 13, 2018 9:00 a.m.**

Present at the meeting:

Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Joanna Wullschleger, Pastor Jim Bessey, Randy Churchill
The Christ Candle was lit and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Jim Bessey.
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Praise Band Comments/Concerns: Devin was not able to attend this meeting due to a work schedule conflict. Pastor Bessey reported that he has a meeting scheduled with her next week to discuss her ideas for the Contemporary service that will help it flow better.

Blended Services: Pastor Bessey has not had a chance to look into doing a blended service yet. He will continue to work on that.

Ash Wednesday/Holy Week discussion & preparations: The Ash Wednesday service will be held at Mt. Cross this year. Father Larkin will be preaching and choirs from both Mt. Cross and St. Columba's will be singing. The service will follow the Lutheran liturgy. Both Pastor Jim and Father Larkin will do the imposition of the ashes and communion.

Pastor Jim will be changing the setting of the liturgy for Lent. He will be using setting #3 from the LBW. The "alleluia" and hymn of praise will be retired for Lent and the Kyrie and "Holy, Holy, Holy" prior to communion will be added to the service. Pastor Jim would prefer that the Assisting Minister sing the Kyrie. If the AM is not comfortable singing the Kyrie, perhaps a cantor (someone from the choir) could be used.

Pastor Jim will not be using Holden Evening Prayer for the Wednesday evening Lent services this year.

For Palm Sunday, there will be an announcement placed asking for donations of palm fronds to decorate the sanctuary. The Prossers will be contacted to see if they would be willing to decorate the sanctuary. Sheri will be asked to purchase the hand held palms from the florist.

There was discussion on our traditional Maundy Thursday service, Your Place at the Lord's Table. It appears this service has retired with the retirement of Pastor John. Pastor Jim is planning a service following the liturgy from the LBW that will involve the laying on of hands and absolution along with a foot washing ceremony involving the confirmation youth. Altar guild members will be asked to assist with the stripping of the altar at the end of the service.

Pastor Jim is still working on his plans for the Good Friday and Holy Saturday services.

Choir/Bells: Jayne reported that the new choir robes will be worn for the first time this coming Sunday. The choir will be processing in to better show them off to the congregation. There will be a blessing/dedication of the robes during the service.

Pastor Jim commented that he felt it would not be a good idea for the acolytes to wear the new robes since they seem to be hard on the robes when putting them on/taking them off. All old choir and assisting minister robes will be donated to the quilters and be put to good use. A notice will be put in the bulletin this Sunday noting the memorial funds that were used to purchase the new robes.

Jayne reported that the bells would not be ringing on Easter Sunday since many of the bell choir members belong to different churches. Pastor Jim offered a suggestion of having an anthem of bells during the opening hymn. Jayne will look into that possibility.

A question was raised as to whether or not it would be possible to have trumpets or brass for the service. There are no known brass players within our congregation. Pastor Bessey

commented it might be possible to get some from a 7th Day Adventist church since they would have their Easter service on Saturday. Randy will follow up on that.

The question was raised again about the status of our children's choir. It was noted that the current assistant to the DOM is being paid to lead the children's choir. Randy will follow up with Meredith on this.

Worship Comments/Observations: During the 8:30 service, there needs to be a formal instruction to "be seated" prior to the prayers.

There has been a request for more "Oldie but Goodie" hymns at the 8:30 service.

There is still a problem with inconsistent attendance from the acolytes. Pastor Jim and Meredith continue to work on this.

There was a discussion on standardizing our communion practices so it is not so confusing for Altar Guild or the pastor. It was decided that we would start doing little cups on the 1st Sunday of the month only for both services.

Joanna will purchase a new wooden tray to hold more little cups of grape juice (to be paid for with a timely donation!).

Pastor Jim commented that he would prefer the communion wine be purchased from a religious supply house and be sacramental wine. He also suggested trying white wine during the Easter season. It was decided to hold onto that idea for future discussion.

Pastor Jim would prefer that the altar be completely cleared of all items, including the chalice and veil, after communion. This info will need to be communicated to the AM's.

Pastor Jim will talk to Devin about how to add the music to the Power Point slides during the contemporary service.

For Easter this year, we will be using either Calla Lilies or a combination of Calla Lilies and Easter Lilies.

There was a discussion on the future of MBC and whether or not we would be having the tent service this year. As of yet, to our knowledge, there is no one who has stepped forward to lead a new committee for the MBC.

Joanna is still looking for someone to take over as the chairperson of Altar Guild. She has personally asked a few people, but they have not been able to assume to job. We will continue to ask and look for volunteers.

There has been a comment about singing during communion maybe once a month. Jayne will look into adding a communion song to the traditional service occasionally.

It was noted that it would be good to have instructions for communion given prior to coming up for communion. Pastor Jim prefers not to add that since it is not part of the liturgy. He will add some instructions to the worship bulletin.

The year on the Christ Candle will be changed after the Easter Vigil (from 2017 to 2018).

It was suggested the council look into changing the sign on the corner of Las Posas and Esplendido Camino so that it is larger and more visually prominent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: April 3, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Sobolik

Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting

January 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Present at the meeting:

Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Joanna Wullschleger, Pastor Jim Bessey, Randy Churchill, Jan Beat, Devin Milligan

This meeting was rescheduled from our previously scheduled January 9, 2018 meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

The Christ Candle was lit and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Jim Bessey.

There were brief introductions around so Pastor Bessey could become acquainted with the committee members.

Praise Band Comments/Concerns: Devin had nothing to share at this time. She will work 1-1 with Pastor Bessey at a later date to talk more about the flow of the Contemporary service and some additional ideas she has.

Choir/Bells: Jayne reported that the new choir robes (and robes for acolytes and Assisting Ministers) are in and she is very pleased with them. The stoles are a custom order, so they have not arrived yet. It was suggested that on the Sunday that the choir wears the robes for the first time it would be good to have a blessing of the robes and also have something in the worship bulletin thanking those whose memorial fund money paid for the robes. Jayne will follow up on these items when she knows the date they will first be used.

There was a discussion regarding who will be selecting music for each of the services. Devin will continue to select music for the Contemporary Service using the resource "Sundays in Seasons". Jayne picks music for the choir using the Liturgical Calendar and finds music that fits the theme of the Gospel text. Jayne has been picking the hymns the last few Sundays until Pastor Jim got settled in. He will select the Hymn of the Day from now on and Jayne will select the remaining hymns.

There was a discussion about some comments and observations from the Contemporary service. It has been noted that there is a request for the service to include at least 1 familiar song. Pastor Jim commented that some of the songs seem difficult to sing, especially since there is no music projected with the words during the song. He also commented that the congregation did not seem to be singing along to the songs during the Contemporary Service. Devin and Pastor Jim will research the possibility of projecting the music for the songs or the possibility of having printed music available for those who would like it.

Blended Service: Randy brought up the idea of having more opportunities for Blended services throughout the year. He asked Pastor Jim to see if he could work 1 blended service in each quarter. The idea would be to have 1 service on those Sundays (at 10:00) and have both the Praise Band and the choir at the services.

Worship Comments/Observations: Devin noted that Pastor John did not wear the alb or stole for the contemporary service. Pastor Jim responded that he feels it is important for the worship leader to be appropriately robed and he will continue to wear the alb and stole at both services. He is only wearing the chasuble during and after communion at the first service.

The congregation is used to being seated during the prayers. After consultation in the Red Book for the order of the worship service, it was determined that whether to remain standing or be seated for the prayers is a congregational decision. We will return to sitting for the prayers.

Pastor Jim has not been doing an invitation to Communion prior to people starting to come forward for communion. It was noted this would be especially beneficial for visitors or first time guests to Mt. Cross. Pastor Jim responded that an invitation is not part of the liturgy and he prefers to stay within the liturgy. He will add a line of welcome and invitation to the worship bulletin.

There is still a problem with the inconsistency of attendance by the acolytes. Randy and Pastor Jim will follow up with Meredith on this issue. It was also noted that if there are not enough confirmation students to adequately fill in all the slots, we may need to look at having younger students be acolytes as well.

We still want to explore the idea of having a head usher. We will continue to discuss this idea at future meetings.

There has been a comment regarding occasionally singing a hymn during the distribution of communion (after we finish singing "Lamb of God"). There was discussion on the pros and cons of this. For now, we will occasionally do repeats of "Lamb of God".

There was a comment asking that readers read the introduction to the lessons at every service (Pastor John had always left the decision to read that or not up to each individual reader.) Pastor Bessey does not want the introduction read at all. It is not part of the Bible and is printed in the bulletin for informational purposes. It is not intended to be read during the service.

The traditional service has been running long the past few Sundays. Pastor Jim noted that going to the altar rail and kneeling for communion is very time consuming. Other options were discussed but no decisions were made at this time. We will continue to discuss this and Pastor Jim will look for ways to cut a few minutes here and there during the worship service.

Altar Guild: Joanna has placed an article in the Grapevine asking for volunteers to lead Altar Guild. She and Jan will continue with Altar Guild until replacements are found.

Todd Ebright will continue to be in charge of hanging and taking down the banners.

Joanna will work with Pastor Jim and Meredith to clean out the sacristy.

The idea of getting a new wooden tray to hold grape juice at the Contemporary Service is on hold for right now. We will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Pastor Jim commented that it might be easier to switch out the altar candles to ones that use an oil filled cylinder instead. After the initial cost to purchase the new "outer" candles, the other costs associated with them are about the same as the wax candle inserts we are currently using. Joanna will research this further.

Christmas Eve Services: We will discuss comments and issues related to the Christmas Eve services at a later meeting.

Lost microphone: The microphone that was lost while Pastor Julie was here has been found. There was no need to purchase a new microphone.

Ash Wednesday: Pastor Jim received an invitation from Father Larkin to have the Ash Wednesday service at the Episcopal Church. Jayne noted that it was our turn to host the service.

Pastor Jim will reach out to Father Greg and let him know we would like to host the service at Mt. Cross this year. Jayne will work with their choir director on the music.

Musicians Workshops: Pastor Jim informed the group that he had received information from the Association for Lutheran Church Musicians about a day of workshops being offered on April 28th in North Hollywood. The workshops are geared for traditional service musicians. The W&M committee recommends that our musical leaders attend the workshops and that Mt. Cross pay for their registration fees (~\$45 each).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: February 13, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Sobolik

**Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting
December 12, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

Present at the meeting:

Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Joanna Wullschleger, Pastor Julie Morris, Randy Churchill

The Christ Candle was lit and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Julie Morris.

Choir—Jayne gave an update on the purchasing of the new choir robes. She has received all the measurements she needs from the choir members and is ready to place the order. She will be ordering 20 choir robes, 1 choir director's robe, 5 Assisting Ministers robes, and 5 Acolyte robes. After discussion, it was decided that since there is money available in memorials for the purchase of the robes, to go ahead and get 2 new sets of reversible stoles to go with the robes. Jayne will purchase purple, green, red and gold stoles. The estimated cost for the robes and stoles is \$6600.00.

Jayne suggested that in the future it would be nice to have a video projection of the bell choir during the concert, and maybe even on Sunday mornings. Jayne will talk with Wyatt Phipps about this.

There has been a lot of positive feedback about having the choir sing in the front of the church.

Altar Guild—Joanna informed the committee that she and Jan Beat will be resigning as co-chairs of Altar Guild. They will continue to serve until a replacement can be found. Joanna will put an article in the Grapevine asking for volunteers to lead Altar Guild.

There was discussion on the need to refrigerate the grape juice and the extra work that causes for Altar Guild before the 1st service on Sunday mornings. It was decided that the grape juice would not need to be refrigerated during the winter months. Also, starting in January, the Assisting Minister for the 1st service will be instructed to be in charge of getting the grape juice out of the refrigerator for the service.

Joanna will work with Rick Mann to get the candle baskets down and take the kneelers out in preparation for Christmas Eve.

The sacristy is in need of a good cleaning out. Joanna will work on that with the blessing of the committee.

It has been noted that on some Sunday's there needs to be more grape juice available at the 2nd service. There is money left in the budget line item from the wooden chalices that may be able to be used toward a new, larger tray for grape juice. Joanna will contact Pastor John and see if he would be willing to create a new wooden tray for the grape juice cups.

Upcoming Schedule--- Sunday morning, December 24th will be a blended service with the choir singing. Sunday December 31st will be 1 service with the Praise Band. Both of those services will have walk by communion due to poinsettias being around the altar rail. Jayne will pick music for January 7th (Pastor Bessey's 1st Sunday) so that the worship bulletins can be prepared in advance.

Transition Items—Pastor Julie will be leaving notes behind for Pastor Jim Bessey. There are also notes that Pastor John left behind. Pastor Julie will be available if Pastor Jim wants to call and talk with her. The Worship & Music Committee will make themselves available to Pastor Jim for any questions he may have. The committee will meet again in early January. Pastor Julie expressed her appreciation and thankfulness for the flexibility from the congregation during this time of transition. She commented that the attendance numbers during this time show positive support from the congregation.

Sound room technician—Due to a full agenda at the last council meeting, this item was not able to be acted on by the council. It is on the agenda again for the council meeting tonight.

Ushers & Greeters—Denise noted that on a recent Sunday, the narthex felt overly crowded with having the greeter right at the door and the ushers just past them in the narthex. Do we need both positions with the configuration of our narthex? It was noted that on that particular Sunday, one of the doors was being kept closed due to the strong winds and that may have contributed to the crowded feeling in the narthex. We will keep an eye on this topic for future discussions.

Head Usher—There was discussion on creating a position of Head Usher to be in charge of the narthex area and small details that might go unnoticed by others. We will discuss this further next year.

Children's Choir—Devin was not able to be present at the meeting, so we will discuss this at the next meeting.

Lost microphone—Pastor Julie informed the committee that a lapel microphone has gone missing. After a brief discussion, it was decided to purchase a new microphone to replace it. Randy will follow up with Keith to see if we have the money in our budget for this purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Sobolik

Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting

November 8, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Present at the meeting:

Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin III, Jan Beat, Joanna Wullschleger, Pastor Julie Morris, Randy Churchill

The Christ Candle was lit and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Julie Morris.

Brief introductions were done to introduce ourselves to Pastor Julie.

The worship schedule was reviewed for the remainder of the year.

- Pastor Julie will not be available for the Thanksgiving Eve service or for Sunday November 26th. Denise will see if Pastor Larry Wagner or Pastor Ron Cox are available for those dates and to be on call for emergencies.
- Pastor Julie was uncertain if she would be available to preach on 12-3. After discussion, it was decided we wanted her to preach so she would not be missing 2 Sundays in a row. She agreed and will be at the service and preach on 12-3.
- December 24th/4th Sunday in Advent—there will be 1 service at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Julie will work with the music teams to decide on music for the service. If possible, it should involve the Praise Band and traditional music.
- Christmas Eve services—There was discussion of not having the 10:00 p.m. service and only having 2 services (5:00 and 8:00). The attendance at the 10:00 service has been declining. It was decided that due to all the other changes going on at the church right now, this would not be the best time to add another change. We will continue with the usual 3 services for Christmas Eve—5:00 (contemporary/family) 8:00 and 10:00 (traditional services).
- Devin will not be here on 11-19. She is arranging for her own substitute to lead the band.
- Sunday December 31st-there will 1 service at 10:00 a.m. The choir will not be singing. Pastor Julie will work with the music staff to arrange music for that morning.

The Christmas concert will be on 12-3 at 7:00 p.m. Jim & Susan Prosser have volunteered to lead the decorating of the church for Christmas. Randy will follow up with them on this. Fellowship is hosting the dessert reception after the concert.

Discussion on whether to lift the previous “ban” on having the Christmas tree lit prior to Christmas Eve. It was decided that December is the season of Advent which is a time of preparation and waiting, so we will leave the lights off until Christmas Eve (except for during the Christmas concert).

Banners—There is a volunteer to hang the banners through the end of the year. Next year we will need to find a new volunteer to hang the banners (or entice the current volunteer to continue). The broken rod for one of the banners is being repaired.

Choir Robes—Jayne has decided (with input from the choir) to move forward with purchasing the robes she showed us at the last meeting. The robes will be linen colored and the reversible stoles will be red and blue. Keith Selbrede will be asking the council for ~\$6200 from various memorial funds to pay for the robes at the meeting on 11-14. There was a concern noted of spending so much money for the robes when the number of choir members is dwindling. It was

noted that the choir will now be permanently singing downstairs, so it will be good to have new robes since they will be seen every Sunday. There is a 2 week delivery time for the robes (longer for the stoles) so if sizes can be determined soon, it is possible we will have them for Christmas.

Worship assistants—Suggestions from Pastor John relating to worship assistants were reviewed. It was decided to keep the greeter in the narthex for now (versus having them on the patio with the kiosk). Next year, when there are not as many changes taking place, we can look at this more. There was discussion of the need to have a head usher in place at both services. We will continue to look into this possibility.

Altar Guild—There is a need for more grape juice to be available at the 2nd service than the 6 cups that we currently put out on the small wooden tray. Altar guild is now using one of the brass trays for grape juice at that service. Joanna will look into buying another tray to use for grape juice at the 2nd service.

Sound room—there was discussion of hiring someone to run the sound room on Sunday mornings. It was moved and seconded that the W&M committee recommend to the church council that Mt. Cross train and hire MTC high school youth to run the sound room on Sunday mornings with the pay and job descriptions to be decided by the appropriate committees. The motion passed unanimously.

Acolytes—We are still have a lot of acolytes not showing up on their appointed Sundays. We will ask Meredith to follow up more with that at confirmation.

Children's Choir—Devin was not able to be present at the meeting, so we will discuss this at the next meeting.

Christmas concert—The theme for the Christmas concert will be “A Christmas Mosaic”. In the past, Pastor John prepared the readings to use during the concert. Jayne presented a series of slides prepared by her husband that she is proposing be used for the concert. Her husband has also offered to write the passages to be read that will go along with each of the slides/songs. Tim also offered to be the reader for all of the passages. The committee was in complete agreement with the slides and having Tim write the passages. It was felt that if we could get others to read as well, it would add to the mosaic theme. Jayne will follow up with Karen Gramacki so find readers.

Next meeting—it was decided that with a new pastor and all the Christmas activities, we should have a meeting in December. A tentative date of Tuesday 12-12 at 9:00 a.m. was set. We will check with Devin to see if this works with her schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Sobolik

**Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting
October 16, 2017**

3:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin III, Jan Beat, Joanna Wullschleger, Pastor John Soyster, Devin Milligan

The Christ Candle was lit and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor John.

- The upcoming worship schedule was reviewed through November 5th, 2017. Pastor Ron Cox filled in for Pastor John last Sunday. Aside from technical issues, all felt Pastor Ron did a good job. Pastor John is leaving a sample draft of the order of service for November 12th and 19th to be used by a supply or interim pastor if needed.
- Denise updated the committee on the interim pastor. The interim committee will recommend that the council approve Pastor Jim Bessey as the interim pastor. He will not be able to start in that position until 1/1/18. Pastor Reg from the Bishop's office is working with the interim committee to find a long-term supply pastor. There may be a need for a short-term supply pastor for the first 2-3 weeks after Pastor John retires. Pastor John will contact supply pastors we have used in the past to see if any might be interested and available. It was noted that during this time, we would like to have a supply pastor to teach the adult classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, help with Confirmation on Wednesday evenings and be on call for emergencies during the week in addition to preaching on Sunday mornings. We will also need a pastor for the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- Jayne updated the committee on the choir robes. She brought 2 samples for the committee to see. Both seemed to be good options. She will take the robes to choir practice to get feedback from the choir. The total cost for the robes and stoles will be between \$5000 and \$6000. There is money available from a variety of memorial funds to cover the purchase of the new robes.
- The recent Worship Assistant training went well. New instructions are available on the church website. Of special note: please find a sub if you are unable to serve, when you arrive to serve introduce yourself to the pastor, and the greeters will move out to the patio area with the Welcome Kiosk (weather permitting) and possibly wear an eye-catching badge to attract newcomers to them for information.
- The Power Point projector is exhibiting signs that it may be on its' last legs. Stan Patscheck (Technology committee) is aware of the problem.
- Pastor John reminded the committee members to please keep sending in any questions or concerns for him to address as to how things are done at MTC so he can leave instructions to be used after he retires.
- There was a discussion on paying someone to run the sound room and power point during both services. It is currently being done by acolytes or a volunteer. Devin suggested that if we do want to hire someone to do this, she can find production students from CLU. The committee will discuss this further in the future.
- The Christmas Concert will be on December 3rd at 7:00. The theme will be a Christmas Mosaic.
- Joanna showed the committee new plastic inserts she has purchased for the little cups trays. They are engraved with "Grape Juice".

- There was a discussion regarding Altar Guild leaving grape juice out over night from Saturday to Sunday morning. It was decided that the wooden tray with grape juice should be put in the refrigerator overnight. On Sundays when we are using the little cups, someone from Altar Guild should pour the grape juice on Sunday morning.
- Reminder that budgets are due to the Budget & Finance committee by 10/31.
- A question came up to a council member regarding the Children's Choir. Do we still have a Children's Choir? How come we have not seen them on Sunday mornings in a while? Pastor John will follow up with Meredith.
- Another concern mentioned during the council patio table time was that there be at least 1 familiar song played at the Contemporary service.
- Jim and Susan Prosser have volunteered to be in charge of decorating the church for Christmas.
- There was a discussion on the Close of Call portion of the worship service on November 5th. It was suggested that Arlene Proctor, as a charter member, and possibly members of Pastor John's call committee help officiate that part of the service.
- Devin noted that she will not be at church on November 19th. She will arrange her own sub and be sure to have them alert the supply or interim pastor of the change.
- With all the changes coming up and with the holidays, the committee felt it was necessary to have another meeting before our next scheduled meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Sunday November 12th at 11:15.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2017 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sobolik

Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting
August 17, 2017
3:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Randy Churchill, Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin III, Jan Beat, Joanna Wullschleger,
 Pastor John Soyster

The meeting was called to order by chairman Randy Churchill and opened with a prayer by Pastor John.

- The upcoming worship schedule was reviewed through November 5th, 2017. Preparations are underway for the Service in the Park on August 27th. Meredith is in charge of coordinating food for the picnic. The church council is hosting the event and funds to pay for food and supplies for the picnic will come from the council budget.
- There are good reviews of the Tour of Reformation Germany that Pastor John is doing during the Sunday services this summer.

- Pastor John will be on vacation on October 15th. Pastor Ron Cox will be guest preacher that Sunday.
- November 5th will be All Saints Day. There will be a baptism festival that Sunday. It will be Pastor John's last day at Mt. Cross. There will be one service at 10:00 that Sunday.
- Saturday September 9th there will be worship assistant training at 9:00 in the morning. An ad will be placed in the Grapevine inviting all those who currently serve and any who might be interested in serving in the future to attend the workshop.
- There has been no further contact from Augustana choir regarding using our sanctuary for a concert so we will assume they have found another venue.
- A handout from Covenant Players was given to the committee members to see if there was any interest in having them come perform at Mt. Cross. There was general interest, but it was felt sometime in the Spring might be better to have them come and perform. We will continue to look into this at a later time.
- The Praise Band received \$4000 from MBC and was able to upgrade to a wireless system for voice and instruments. This should allow for greater flexibility for the band.
- Jayne reviewed the information she has received about purchasing new choir robes. The cost of the robes will be about \$20 each. It was decided by the committee to purchase white robes and then also purchase colored stoles to wear with the robes. The current gold stoles are still usable. Jayne will research how much the stoles will cost. New robes will also be purchased for acolytes and assisting ministers. There is enough money in memorials to pay for the robes and stoles.
- At a prior meeting, we had discussed the idea of having a blessing of the animals possibly in conjunction with a Service & Missions adopt a pet day. This item is being deferred to sometime in 2018. It was noted that this event might also be a good event to invite the community to and a good use for our new patio pavilion.
- There was a discussion on discontinuing the use of the "old" style of the Lord's Prayer at the traditional service and moving to the "new" version of the prayer for both services. It was noted that the "new" version has now been in use for 30-40 years! It was felt that with all the other changes going on in the church right now, it would be better to look at this again after we have an interim pastor.
- In light of recent national and international events based on racism, prejudice and hatred, Pastor John was asked if he could include prayer stations as part of the service on Sunday. He will look into doing that.
- Joanna reported that she has purchased new decanter tops to replace ones that have been broken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. with a recitation of a musical version of the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2017 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Sobolik

Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting
June 11, 2017
11:15 a.m.

Present at the meeting:

Randy Churchill, Denise Sobolik, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin III, Jan Beat

The meeting was called to order by chairman Randy Churchill.

The Light of Christ candle was lit and Randy led an opening prayer.

- Jayne reported that the special music for the summer has been finalized and all the slots have been filled.
- Keith Selbrede will be presenting the council with a budget amendment motion at the next meeting for new choir music.
- Jayne has been researching new choir robes. She has found a good price on robes and will contact the company to see if she can order 1 robe for us to “preview” and if the robe can be returned if we do not like it. A question has been raised regarding whether the assisting ministers should have the same robes as the choir. After brief discussion, it is the recommendation of the W&M committee that all the robes be the same.
- Pastor John has received an email from the Augustana College with a request to possibly use our sanctuary for their Symphonic Band concert in the spring of 2018. Pastor John has responded to the email with information on the size and capacity of the sanctuary. Until we hear back from the college there is no need for action on this request at this time.
- There was discussion on having the choir sing from downstairs instead of the choir loft. It was felt this would be a much better arrangement for many reasons as long as the piano is down on the floor in its’ regular position and not up on the “stage” behind the altar.
- Pastor John left a video of a sample song for his summer theme touring cities of the Reformation. The committee all liked the idea and the music presented in the video.
- There was a brief discussion regarding Pastor John finding a replacement for Pastor Elizabeth. All were in favor of hiring someone to help out Pastor John.
- The church calendar was reviewed so Altar Guild would know the parament colors...
- The proposed worship schedule left by Pastor John was reviewed and no issues were seen with the schedule.
- There was a comment regarding having extended periods of silence for prayer, meditation or silent reflection. Assisting ministers should be reminded to leave enough time for silent prayers before they start the prayers.
- It was mentioned that there did not seem to be any advance “advertising” of the concert service last Sunday. In conjunction with that, there was discussion as to doing the concert service at both services. The committee would like to consider doing a blended concert service at both services next year.
- Since the standing W&M meeting time conflicts with the Adult Educ. time causing Pastor John to need to be in 2 places at the same time, there was discussion on changing the time/day of the W&M meetings. Pending approval from Pastor John and Devon, the meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday every other month at 3:30. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 17th at 3:30.

- There was discussion on the lack of acolytes at the traditional service. We are unsure as to the reason behind the continuing absence of acolytes. Randy will follow up with Pastor John on this topic.
- It was noted again that there needs to be a training for all worship assistants, altar guild, ushers... Randy will follow up with Karen Gramacki regarding a head usher.
- It was noted that at the last W&M meeting there was discussion regarding a possible blessing of the animals and in conjunction with that an animal shelter pet adoption day. Randy will follow up with Service & Missions to see if they would like to help with this project.
- There was a comment regarding the Lord's Prayer during the worship service. Sometimes the pastor uses an invitational introduction before starting the prayer and sometimes the prayer just starts with no introduction. It was felt that it would be good to use the introduction all the time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Sobolik

Worship & Music Committee and Music Staff Meeting
March 26, 2017
11:10 a.m.

Present at the meeting:

Randy Churchill, Denise Sobolik, Pastor John Soyster, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Guy Ervin III.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Randy Churchill.

The Light of Christ candle was lit and Pastor John led an opening prayer.

The Caring Conversation topic related to our favorite foods.

- Confirming Committee Members: Currently the committee only has 1 "official" member---Randy. The other members of the committee are staff members. Denise is the council liaison to the committee but not an official committee member. Randy agreed to serve as the chairman of the committee. Denise will be recorder. We need to do some recruitment to get more members on the committee.
- Review of worship schedule for Spring & Summer: Pastor John reviewed the worship schedule. The tent service will be on 4-30 at 10:00. Pastor John will be on vacation over Memorial Day weekend. He will see if Pastor Elizabeth is available to sub for him. If not, he will find a substitute. June 4th will be the music concert service at the 8:30 service only. The service in the park will be on August 27th. There was discussion on moving the piano back down from the altar area after the concert this afternoon or leaving it there until after the concert in May. It was agreed that it can stay where it is until May.

- Decorating plans for Holy Week: Randy will get a list of names from the Time & Talent sheet and follow up to find someone willing to lead the decorating.
- Staff Concerns: Guy reported that the organ was tuned last week. Devin reported that the Praise Band is working to get some wireless equipment so there will not be such a tangle of cords around the band. It will also make them more mobile. She is working with Guitar Center on prices and hopes to get some money from MBC for the equipment. Jayne would like to purchase new choir music. The choir budget was reviewed and she currently has \$400 she can spend in her budget.
- Results from February Visioning Gathering: The comments/suggestions from the Visioning Gathering that related to Worship & Music were reviewed. Some comments were unclear and the committee was not able to decide exactly what was being suggested by them. It was suggested a blessing of the animals in combination with a local shelter adoption day would be a good idea and the committee felt we could start to work on that. Randy will follow up with Service & Missions and see if they will help coordinate the event, possibly to take place in October. The music staff will try to incorporate more Bach/reformation music into worship and Pastor John will try to highlight it and explain why how it is tied into the anniversary of the Reformation. One comment asked for the music to be displayed along with the words on the wall during the Contemporary service. It was noted that this is not an easy task to accomplish. The committee will continue to look into other options. Randy commented that he had also heard a comment wanting confession and absolution in the worship service. The committee will continue to discuss these items and work on implementing them as we are able.
- Worship Assistant Training: It was suggested that we have some sort of training for ushers and other worship assistants. It might be a good idea to have a Head Usher to take responsibility for something like this. It was also noted that instead of trying to do a large-scale training day for all the different positions, it might be a good idea to videotape the correct way to do the various jobs and have those videos posted on the web for volunteers to watch. Pastor John will follow up with a high school youth about doing the recording. Randy will follow up with Karen Gramacki about a possible Head Usher.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sobolik

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Present were Jan Beat, Joanna Wullschleger, Randy Churchill, Joni Swindle, Sandy Fox, Marsha Niedens, Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan and Jim Prosser.

Chair Jim Prosser called the meeting to order.

Meeting was opened with a prayer from Taking Faith Home.

The Minutes of the September 25, 2016 meeting were approved as previously sent out.

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2017. The 2017 regular meeting schedule was discussed and regular meetings were scheduled as follows: March 19, May 21, July 23, September 17 and November 19, 2017.

Joni Swindle made a presentation regarding purchase of alter, pulpit and other items to complement our new Pentecost banner. Estimated cost was between \$4,000 - \$10,000; and, Joni indicated that she had been in contact with donors for about \$5,000. The committee recommended that the proposal go to counsel for approval, subject to locating funding for any addition cost.

The Worship Schedule for November 20 through April 30, 2017 was discussed. The schedule for sanctuary decorating for Advent and Christmas was confirmed: Advent Candles up for the November 27 services; Christmas Tree up for the December 4 services; addition of the wreaths for the December 11 services. The committee was advised that the poinsettias were order and would be arriving on December 16. A discussion was then had on whether to place the poinsettias in the sanctuary for the December 18 services. The committee agreed that subject to approval by Pastor John, the poinsettias would be placed in the sanctuary before the services on December 18 and that the Alter Guild would take care of watering the flowers. [Pastor later approved the change based on the committee's request.] The Chair took responsibility for mobilizing people to help with the decorating of the sanctuary.

The committee had a round table discussion of the 50th anniversary celebration events. Randy Churchill specifically noted the excellent blended service and wanted the committee to consider holding a similar service at least quarterly. Marsha Niedens said that the feedback she had received was all positive and that the lunch was excellent.

As part of the Lutheran Church's commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Pastor John had asked the he committee review and comment on "What needs Re-Forming at Mount Cross" and suggested the committee members take a look at portions of "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" pages 92-93 and "The Use of the Means of Grace" to evaluate and suggest possible changes in the service. The pamphlet is available online at:
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/The_Use_Of_The_Means_Of_Grace.pdf

Two additional matters were brought up: (1) Joanna Wullschleger indicated that we need to investigate whether the inner springs in the Alter Candles are working properly and whether they need replacement; (2) the committee felt that a new training session should be scheduled for assisting ministers and ushers.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Present were Jan Beat, Joanna Wullschleger, Randy Churchill, Marsha Niedens, Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Jim Prosser, Pastor John Soyster and guest Susan Prosser

Chair Jim Prosser called the meeting to order.

Meeting was opened with a prayer from Taking Faith Home.

The Minutes of the July 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2016. The 2017 meeting schedule was discussed and will be provided at the November meeting.

The Worship Schedule for October 2 through January 1, 2017 provided a point of departure for discussion led by Pastor John. Pastor provided a summary overview of the 50th Anniversary service plans and selected music. The hanging of the new banner and the distribution of communion for the service was also discussed. The Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social were added to the calendar for Nov 23rd. The Christmas Concert is scheduled for 7 pm on Sunday, Dec 4th with all music groups performing. A reception will follow in Luther Hall with the Fellowship Committee hosting. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Spirit of Christ". The Sunday School Christmas Program will also be on Dec 4th during the second service.

The 50th anniversary celebration luncheon brought up the subject of moving furniture in Luther Hall in order to use the room. Pastor explained the Council's intent to use a moving service this year since the CDC employee who had been paid to do this in the past is no longer available. Jim Prosser and Randy Churchill agreed that volunteers should be able to do the job without expense and will pursue organizing volunteers for the Oct 23rd event.

The Committee held a follow-up discussion to their recommendation to the Church Council that no change be made to the current worship service schedule. The recommendation had also suggested that other survey comments offered suggestions that deserved further attention. Devin reported that she has an idea for a service that could include the organ. Topic to be further discussed in the future.

Joanna reported that Jan has been doing the scheduling and she orders the supplies. There were no new Altar Guild members from Rally Day recruiting. The back area is in need of cleaning.

Guy reported that the organ will be tuned in early December.

Jayne reported that the Adult Choir has a new alto and a new tenor. The Bell Choir has lost 3 members. Christmas Eve music will be Children's Choir for the early service and Choir only for the others.

There will be one service only on Christmas and New Year's Days. Guy can play both days.

Marsha had nothing to report to the Committee from the Church Council.

A general discussion of a Wednesday worship option was held since the worship survey did have a number of positive responses to attendance at a midweek service. Pastor reported that Wednesday currently seems so rushed with what is scheduled and it is currently hard to envision how to fit in a worship element. He has given thought to having midweek advent services similar to the Lenten services in another year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2016

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2016

Present were Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Jim Prosser, Randy Churchill, and guests Norm Presecan and Susan Prosser

Chair Jim Prosser called the meeting to order at 11:15 am

Meeting was opened with a prayer from Taking Faith Home.

The Minutes of the March 13th meeting were reviewed.

The Worship Schedule for July 3 through November 30 was reviewed with some modifications/notations made. Corrections were made to the 50th Anniversary Gifts of Hope months with LIRS in July, RAIN in August, School on Wheels in September, and LSS in October. **The Committee agreed to ask Pastor John and the Church Council to consider rescheduling Worship in the Park and the Church Picnic to September 25th.** This was due to lack of availability of our preferred park space in August, the lack of available power source at the park scheduled for August, and the fact that Sept may be a better month with fewer people on vacation and equally good, if not better, weather.

The results of the recent Worship Assessment Survey were reviewed and discussed. The Church Council has requested that the Committee make a recommendation as to the Sunday morning worship schedule. With an appreciation for the fact that responses were essentially from those who are attending worship, responses were clearly in the majority to leave the current schedule unchanged. **The Committee unanimously recommends that the Church Council make no change to the current Sunday morning worship schedule at this time.**

Having determined the recommendation regarding Sunday worship schedule, the Committee further discussed options for addressing concerns that have been expressed through the survey or otherwise. It was felt that there are opportunities to respond with changes or additions to current programs at the church. Suggestions for pursuing include:

- Holding Sunday Morning Adult Education concurrent with the second service – contract Pastor could teach with Pastor John teaching on the Sunday of the month that she preaches
- Continue Wednesday night Adult Education opportunity

- Look to add a Wednesday night worship element since there was such a high level of positive response on this from the survey
- Look for ways to give appropriate priority to second service – improved bulletins, provide more “tools” to empower congregation’s active involvement in the service - particularly the music, varying forms of communion, make certain there are scheduled worship assistants in all positions, etc.

The Committee felt that these changes could be implemented within the framework of existing schedules and might very well enhance the worship and Christian education experience of our members. Several copies of the updated spreadsheet (with totals) were given to the Council President along with a copy of Chairman Prosser’s analysis.

Under other business, a thank you letter for the special services offered in association with the 50th Anniversary reunions from Cecelia Travick-Jackson was read. The Committee discussed how these services had added extra vitality to worship and suggested that beyond the anniversary similar efforts should be made. Randy Churchill asked again that the idea of a “blended service” be investigated by looking for other churches that use this approach. Jayne reported that the Oxnard church where her husband is employed uses this form of worship. Devon reported that she had recently attended a conference where the worship was in this format and was excited to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 PENDING DECISION ON WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2016**

Present were Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Joanna Wullschleger, Jim Prosser, Marsha Niedens (Council Liaison), Pastor John and guest Susan Prosser

Chair Jim Prosser called the meeting to order at 11:15 am

Meeting was opened with the Christ Candle and a prayer from Pastor John.

The Minutes of the January 15th meeting were reviewed.

The Worship Schedule for March 13 through November 6 was reviewed with some modifications/notations made. Prosser’s will oversee Palm Sunday decorations on Sat March 19th and take down on the 20th. The Bell Choir Milestone will be moved to April 17th. Tent Service will be at 10 am on April 24th with lunch after.. On May 29th there will be a Classical Concert.

It was reported that the Schmeichel Family would like to donate funds to acquire a bold, red, Pentecost banner for the Sanctuary. Joni Swindle is doing research on the banner and some possible options were provided to the Committee as examples. The gift will be in the range of \$4,000 to \$5,000 and will require a Budget Amendment. The Committee will be asked for approval to proceed.

The draft worship time survey in circulation was discussed. Input included: 1) the idea of using age ranges rather than asking for a specific age, 2) more open ended questions rather than just being asked to make a selection about options, 3) more specific questions about adding an evening service such as “Would you be interested in attending an evening service?” and “If so, would this be your primary worship time or something you might attend occasionally or seasonally? Explain.” Also discussed was whether we should predetermine that the evening service would be contemporary in style. Devin shared that only some Praise Band members would be interested or available to play in the evening. Jayne shared concerns about having the Choir sing twice under the option with two Sun morning traditional services. Concerns were expressed about lack of a Sunday morning Children’s learning opportunity being presumed in Option #3. The group wondered if more specific questions should be asked about best time(s) for children’s learning to be offered throughout the **week**. Learning Committee needs to be involved. It was agreed that the Fellowship Committee also should be consulted about any interests or concerns associated with the presented options. Pastor John said that he would take the discussion and make further modifications to another draft of the Survey for review.

Under other business, Jayne reported that there are three new choir members! It was also mentioned that the Committee has had earlier requests to pursue an increased number of worship assistants (ushers, etc.) at the second service in order to demonstrate support for this service and also continue to consider adding a mixture of communion styles to the second service.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING MAY 15, 2016

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 11:15. Present were Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Randy Churchill, Jim Prosser and Pastor John. Guests: Gayle Johnson and Susan Prosser

Meeting was opened by Chair Jim Prosser offering a prayer from Taking Faith Home.

Review of Advent & Christmas Seasons 2015

- Good Christmas Concert comments with some commenting that it seemed short
- Gail Baird and Carol Broderick did a good job with decorations – the was a good committee and a nice job for both Advent and Christmas – a particularly great job on the tree
- Christmas Eve attendance was discussed – some concern about low number at 10 pm – possible move up to 9:30 pm – maybe this should be added to service time survey

- The Children's Christmas Program was given at the 10am worship service on December 6th – this needs review

November 22, 2015 – Experiment with placement of choir and musicians in front of the church

- Music leadership up front made for better energy and connectedness with the congregation was the consensus of musicians and choir members
- Main problem for Praise Band is equipment, etc. (really need a wireless setup) and would like more space
- Praise Band would like to be in front every week and felt the acoustics are good
- Choir had mixed feelings about the experience – some uncomfortable sitting in front others had issues hearing other choir members
- Organist could not hear the choir from the piano
- The choir might work better with risers and the piano in the side alcove by the sound room
- Another choir alternative might be to use the front rows of pews and have choir turn and sing in place
- No real need for requested new choir robes if choir is not going to sing in front or side of the congregation.

Church Council Special Listening Post – January 10, 2016, noon – Emphasis on Service times

- Council has referred the issue of service times to this Committee following comments received on January 10th
- The overall success of Wednesday evening learning and activity programs for children and youth were noted – Wednesday already brings many families with children to the church property – also precedent in Lent services
- Some interest has been expressed in adding a weekend evening service (Sat or Sun) – similar to the Catholic model
- Could work toward a more blended service to make both of the current worship services attractive to a wider range of members – especially doing more with the contemporary service
- Devon should be asked to poll the Praise Band to see if they would agree to play at a different service time or day
- Meredith Gardner could be more directly involved in a Sunday evening service since the Youth Group routinely meets on Sunday evenings
- A survey of the congregation should be used along with follow up with members who do not respond
- The wording and presentation of the survey is important since it can bias the outcome – need more input than the Worship and Music Committee since the current committee is largely members who attend the first service as their primary service with the exception of Devon. May also want input from Learning Committee about the relationship of Christian Education option.

- What is the Church Council's time table? Gayle Johnson, Council President said there was not a set deadline. The next Council meeting will be in Feb with election of new officers and organization of the new Council.
- **Items for action: Consider service options and develop survey**
Consult with others prior to distribution of survey and modify as necessary
Consider whether a Sunday night service should be tried before the survey

Due to the time spent discussing the Listening Post and Service Time Survey, no further business was discussed. The worship schedule for Jan 24 through June 26 was provided for information and review. Information was also provided regarding 50th Anniversary Milestone Sundays and planned Reunion Sundays.

Looking Ahead

- **Tent Service** – April 24th - single service with hot dog BBQ after
- **Worship in the Park** – August 28th with church picnic
- **Worship in the Movie Theater (50th Anniversary event)** – tentative Sept 25th

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, March 13, 2016 11:15 AM

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Meeting called to order at 11:15. Present were Guy Ervin, Jan Beat, Jayne Pompey, Randy Churchill, Devon Milligan, Joanna Wullschleger and Jim Prosser.

Minutes of June 28, 2015 were not prepared and will be submitted at a later date.

Church Council had requested that the committee meet on a regular basis. The committee reviewed the calendar for the next 12 months and selected the following meeting dates: November 15, 2015, January 17, 2016, March 13, 2016, May 15, 2016, July 17, 2016 and September 18, 2016. (In a subsequent discussion with Pastor John he agreed that with this schedule he can make arrangements to have the first 20-30 minutes of Adult Bible School covered on committee meeting days.)

The committee discussed and agreed upon the color for the new paraments for Advent (blue).

The committee discussed purchase of new choir robes in 2016 and decided to make that part of the budget request (although some funding may come from non-general budget funds) Likewise, new alter

linens for the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be included in the 2016 budget, with funding source left open.

The committee reviewed the upcoming Worship Schedule with particular attention to the October 25 single service with all music groups participating. This is also the kickoff to the 50th year celebration with lunch to follow the service and the Classical Concert at 2:00 p.m. The committee reviewed the notes of Pastor John regarding Mount Cross Milestones. Pastor will address this in more detail next meeting as it is anticipated to be a continuing part of the services on the first Sunday of each month. Also of note is the change to Faith Journeys on the 4th Sunday-where participants will NOT leave worship and will instead stay at the 2nd service for the whole hour, participating in various ways.

Future Events of Note: February 10 2016 – Ash Wednesday will be a joint service with St. Columba's; Holden Evening Prayer. June 26, 2016 is the tentative date for a single Sunday Service at the Roxy Theater in Mission Oaks, commemorating Mount Cross' very first organized service, December 5, 1965, in the old Ponderosa Movie Theater on Mobil Ave.

Using the signups from Time & Talent and Rally Day, a committee for Sanctuary Decoration at Advent/Christmas will be handling this task. The Chairman will handle coordination with this subcommittee.

REPORTS

Guy reported discussions about the need for a stair lift to the choir loft.

Jayne reported problems with recruiting new singers. The committee suggested getting Meredith involved and budgeting for a startup youth choir. Also, the Bell Choir is down one ringer.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:15. Present were Pastor John, Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Jim Prosser, Joanna Wullschleger, Jan Beat and Randy Churchill.

The meeting began with an opening prayer and caring conversation.

The committee agreed that the next meeting would be June 14, 2015 at 11:15 A.M.

The minutes of January 11, 2015 were approved.

Reports by Staff: Devin reported that she is working with Pastor John to tweak the Contemporary service. There may be an upcoming need to replace some of the electrical cords for the instruments. We need to confirm the Praise Band's budget and any expenses to date. Devin also reported that she will be traveling abroad in late May and will not be present for the worship services on May 24 and May 30. Also, Devin has a new email address for Mt. Cross related matters: devin@mountcross.com.

Guy reported that the organ still has a problem with the left shades. The prior repair fixed the issue with the right shades. The organ and piano will be tuned prior to Easter and the left shade issue will be addressed at that time.

Jayne reported that the Sanctuary Choir will be performing at both the 8:00 and 9:30 services on Easter (the 11:00 a.m. service will be Contemporary); and, that the Choir will also be performing at both of the regular services, 8:30 and 10:00, on June 7 – The Choir Concert Service. Jayne inquired into the status of the Choirs' budget. The chair will look into this and report back prior to the next meeting.

Pastor John answered questions regarding the Worship Schedule and reported that Adult Bible Class will be returning, at least on a temporary basis, beginning April 12 at 11:10 a.m. until noon. This will be conducted on a trial basis through May 17. The committee discussed the arrangements for decorating the sanctuary for Palm Sunday and Easter. The Chair is to contact Joni Swindle and those who signed up in the Time & Talent sheets to help in this task. The annual Church in the Park and Picnic is tentatively scheduled for August 30. Before finalizing this date it needs to be confirmed with: (1) Meredith Gardner, the new Children's, Youth and Family Ministry Director, who has indicated a possible end of summer camping trip with the high school group; and, (2) the Church Council (and whoever will be overseeing the food and picnic).

Joanna inquired about any special needs for the Altar Guild during Easter week. Pastor John said the only special arrangements were for the "bread" on Maundy Thursday, which is specially made from pita bread.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:52.

/s/ James Prosser, Chair

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:15. Present were Pastor John, Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Devin Milligan, Linda Franz, Jim Prosser, Joanna Wullschleger, Jan Beat and Randy Churchill.

The meeting began with an opening prayer and caring conversation. The committee agreed that the next meeting would be March 8, 2015 at 11:15 A.M.

The minutes of November 23, 2014 were approved.

The committee discussed the recent Advent/Christmas season services and all agreed it was a success. Pastor John was recognized for the excellent job he did with involving the children in his portion of the Christmas Concert. There was some discussion on the number of services on Christmas and cutting it

back to two. The committee also discussed next year's Christmas Program and the idea of including Sunday school children and their families to depict scenes from the Christmas story with music selected to accompany the scene.

The committee discussed plans for Easter, including the number of services and the obligation that imposed on the music participants. The possibility of only two services was discussed (at 9:00 & 10:30). It was decided that Pastor would check with staff and coordinate the decision with the Youth Director (and the scheduled breakfast) and Learning Committee regarding Faith Journeys (Sunday school).

It was brought up that Joni Swindle has headed up holiday Sanctuary Design for the past year and that this task needs to be the responsibility of a full time committee within the W&M Committee. It was recommended that a sub-committee of 3-8 volunteers be recruited for Sanctuary Design for the upcoming year. (As a postscript, Sanctuary Design was not one of the "talent" areas listed on the Time and Talent sheets.)

It was confirmed that Usher, lector, Assistant Minister and Communion Assistant training is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2015. The training sessions will be staggered, beginning with ushers then lectors followed by Communion and Assisting Ministers.

Pastor John reported that since there was only one pastor now that changes may need to be made, not with worship, but in other pastoral duties, including confirmation instruction. He alerted the committee that he will be asking for more help.

Guy reported that there were unexpected repairs required for the organ. An estimate of \$600 had been obtained and the actual amount should be known by January 20.

There were no other reports. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:15. Present were Jim Prosser, Jan Beat, Devin Milligan, Guy Ervin III, Jayne Pompey, Geri Bradley, Linda Frantz, Randy Churchill, Pastor John and Pastor Erik.

The meeting began with an opening prayer. Devin was introduced as the new Praise Band Director and she gave a brief summary of her background.

The committee agreed that the next meeting would be November 23, 2014 at 11:15 A.M.

The minutes of August 10, 2014 were approved as corrected

The committee discussed the upcoming worship schedule. The Christmas concert will be on the evening of December 7. The Children's Christmas program will be on December 14, during the second service.

December 28 will have only a traditional service at 10.

Guy reported that the piano will be tuned before Christmas.

Jayne reported that there will be an opening the Bell Choir in January. She also provided the committee with the program outline for December 7, attached. The committee discussed the issue raised by the Learning Committee about involvement of children in the Christmas Concert. It was agreed to maintain the two separate events but that Pastor John would work with an ad hoc group of children and “meld” that into the “readings.”

Devin advised that everything was going well with the Praise Band. It was recommended that the band consider staggering its participation in communion so that music could be played throughout

The Rally Day signups were distributed attached.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58.

Worship and Music Committee

Meeting Minutes July 13, 2014

Meeting called to order at 11:15am with the following members present: Jim Prosser, Jan Beat, Guy Ervin, Geri Bradley, Jayne Pompey, Linda Franz, Joanna Wullschleger and Church Council Liaison Randy Churchill and Pastor Erik. Guests present were Gayle Johnson and Susan Prosser.

The meeting began with Jim Prosser reading a scripture verse and leading a caring conversation selected from *Taking Faith Home*.

The Committee members set agreed to the next meeting date as Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 11:15 am.

Minutes of the June 22, 2014 were approved with the correction of the spelling of Guy Ervin’s name and addition of Linda Franz in attendance.

The Worship Schedule was reviewed and the following additions were made to the schedule provided with the agenda:

- August 3 – Hannah Tasker to preach at both services and Baptism Festival
- August 24 – Church in the Park – What music? Maybe Praise Band. Bulletins will need complete service. Will look at options for worship setting in the park. Altar Guild wants info on needs for communion at the park.

- August 31 – After discussion, Pastor Erik withdrew his proposal for Church at the Beach. The regular 8:30 and 10:00 services will be held at the church.
- September 7 – Rally Day – W&M Committee Table will need 2 crews and possible “demos”
- September 14 – Holy Cross Sunday – to honor congregation name
- September 14 – Choir returns
- Some Sunday in September – blessing of school backpacks
- No date yet for first Sunday School session

Church Council liaison Randy Churchill reported that the Council has decided that the worship hours will not change but that there may be a change in the Sunday School schedule which will have no impact on worship. He further reported that authorization has been given to open recruitment for two positions – Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director and Praise Band Director. And he finally added that in his opinion the W&M Committee has the best minutes posted on the internet.

Pastor Erik reported in Pastor John’s absence. He provided further details on the Praise Band Director recruitment and informed the group that Hannah Tasker will preach the sermon on August 3rd.

Jayne Pompey reported that she has music fully planned for the fall. The annual Christmas Concert (12/7) will be songs from different parts of the world with readings from John. Jayne has acquired a basic instructional bell program for children (*Basic Training For Bells*, MacGorman \$12.95) that she recommends. She does not have the time to undertake a children’s bell program but feels that may very well be local bell ringers who could. Jayne informed the group it would take a minimum of 12 ringers to start a program and adult beginners could be added if need be. The Committee will further discuss along with possible Children’s Choir and may use Rally Day to solicit interest in these programs. Some sort of bell/chime demo on the patio for Rally Day was discussed as a great way to build interest amongst the congregation and draw attention to the Committee table.

The Altar Guild reported that they would like to use Rally Day to fill up the schedule for the remainder of the year through recruitment. There was also discussion of whether there has been a decision to include communion at the altar rail on a regular basis at the second service. Pastor Erik stated there had been discussion about including it periodically but he would have to follow up.

Usher training needs to be scheduled – perhaps in September along with training for other worship assistants.

The Committee discussed updated information on the Praise Band Director position and recruitment. It was reported that Church Council approved the posting of ads for the position at the July 8, 2014 meeting but that the job description has not yet been completed. Pastor Erik will provide a draft of the job description to the Committee prior to the next meeting to consider in advance of the next Church Council meeting on August 12. Jim Prosser reported on his meeting with the Praise Band members who were present at the Band practice on July 10th. He summarized the band input as 1) they need a director; 2) this is a “burn out” position and we should not expect someone to last more than 2 years; and 3) the job well suits students from CLU or other area universities.

The Pastor’s vacation schedules were discussed with Pastor Erik reporting that Pastor John will be gone in October and that he will be gone after VBS from 8/11 to 8/15. Pastor Erik further informed the Committee that their vacations are always noted on the master calendar maintained by Sheri in the Church Office.

Under Old Business the congregational input to Church Council about the amount of standing and sitting during worship was discussed. It was suggested that we try one hymn without standing. Gayle Johnson also brought up the issue of the altar platform extension that remains up long after required for a performance or event.

Under New Business Gayle Johnson briefed the group on the efforts by Church Council to make certain that all planned events, meetings and activities are placed on the Church master calendar in order to avoid conflicts and allow more logical scheduling. Gayle further informed the Committee of a request to the Church Council from the Gold Coast Chorus to use our sanctuary for performances on Dec 12 and 13 this year. This request is still under consideration as details are examined.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of June 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am. The following members were present: Pastor John Soyster, Jim Prosser, Guy Erwin, Geri Bradley, Jayne Pompey, Joanna Wullschleger and Church Council liaison, Randy Churchill.

The meeting began with a prayer and caring conversation based on that Sunday’s “Taking Faith Home.”

The Minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Pastor John and Randy Churchill reported on the last Church Council meeting:

The committee agreed with the Church Council decision that there should not be any changes to the 8:30 am & 10:00 am Sunday morning service times;

The committee was advised that the Learning Committee may decide to move up the start of Sunday School to 9:45 am and have participants come into the sanctuary at 10:30 am, and saw no problem with this change occurring.

Pastor John advised the committee that he and Pastor Erik are still reviewing additional worship opportunities, focusing on Sunday afternoon and that this may start in the Fall.

Pastor John requested the committee to recommend Rally Day for September 7th (approved) and advised that September 14th would be the Holy Cross Sunday.

Pastor John reported that Bob Kildee Park has been booked for the August 24, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Service in the Park will be held at 10 am with the Church picnic to follow.

Pastor John reported that Pastor Erik will be leading a 10:00 am service on August 31st at Marina Park in Ventura as part of a Labor Day activity organized by Mt. Cross families. Concern was expressed about the 10:00 am service at the Church and what would be done for those not attending at Marina Park. It was decided that, in addition to the 8:30 am service at the church, Pastor John would lead a 10:00 am service at Mt. Cross with music by an ensemble from the Praise Band.

The committee discussed the recent service that combined the Sanctuary Choir and the Bell Choir and expressed a desire for increased opportunities for these joint efforts and to also include the Praise Band. This brought up the issue of what is a "contemporary" service? Does Mt. Cross need to identify services as "traditional" vs "contemporary?" What is a "blended" service? These questions are part of a continuing discussion and the committee hopes to receive additional input from members of the congregation and the Church Council.

The committee was advised that Hanna Tasker's last day as Praise Band Director will be August 10th. The committee discussed what to do about filling this vacancy, but took no action other than recommending that Pastor Erik take over leading the Praise Band after August 10 and pending a decision on dealing with the vacancy. The committee discussed obtaining input from other committees about the new Children, Youth and Family Ministry staff position and whether any portion of that position's duties might cross over with the music programs at Mt. Cross, including the establishment of a Children's Choir. Jim Prosser offered to meet with the Praise Band to solicit input on the director position and any alternatives. It was also mentioned that based on the outcome of these discussions a "job description" would need to be prepared.

The committee decided that its next meeting would be on July 13, at 11:15 am in Pastor John's office. The meeting concluded at 1:30 pm.

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

May 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:15.

In attendance was Jayne Pompey , Randy Churchill, Jan Beat, Joanna Wullschleger, Hannah Tasker, Paster John Soyster and Jim Prosser, chairman.

The committee welcomed new representatives of the alter Guild: Jan Beat and Joanna Wullschleger.

Randy Churchill, the council liason, reported on the budget amendment that now allows for the Choir and Bell Choir to purchase new music. The budget amounts were \$700 for the Choir music and \$500 for Bell Music

The committee discussed the current service schedule and recommended that no changes be made including for the summer. There may be changes within the contemporary service to allow for childrens' involvement in communion and communion at the rail. However those changes will be within the current time schedule. The committee discussed advertising in the local papers of the service schedule. This was also seen as a way to promote the 10:00 contemporary service.

The committee discussed the summer worship service in the park and recommended that it be held on August 24, 2014, with or without the summer picnic. Arrangements will be made, at either Bob Kildee Park or Mission Oaks Park, for this service after the Council decides whether the picnic will be help following the service.

The committee discussed the Christmas program for the Sunday School and decided to keep the Choir/Bell Choir/Praise Band program separate from the Sunday School program.

Confirmation is scheduled for **May 18**, at the second service

June 1, will be a combined Choir and Bell Choir presentation at both the 8:30 and 10:00 services. There was discussion about a Choir/Praise Band presentation at both services. This was deferred for further discussion.

une 8 is the Baptism Festival and the CDC Kindergarten blessing at the second service – communion will be at the rail.

Vacation Bible School starts **August 4**.

The committee discussed the possibility of a childrens' choir and other programs to introduce the youth to choir, bells and chimes. This will be an ongoing discussion. Hannah Tasker's contract runs thru August. She is applying to various schools for graduate study and will know by the end of May whether

she will be staying on as Praise Band Director. Usher training needs to be scheduled. The Chairman will work with Karen Gramacki on this.

The next meeting of the committee will be on June 8, 2014 at 11:15 in Pastor John's office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Worship committee minutes 1/13/12

Those in attendance: Denise Sobolik, Kerry Del Marto, Jayne Pompey, Barbara D'Addario, Guy Ervin III, Pastor Erik -Pastor Erik opened the meeting with prayer

-The date for the next meeting was set for March 3rd, 2013 at 12:00pm in the church office

-The group walked through and discussed the up-coming worship schedule through June. Highlights of the discussion:

-John Stave playing piano at the annual meeting Jan. 27, there may also be a quartet from the choir doing some fun songs, we are hoping to have Sunday school kids do a song

-some discussion on Ash Wednesday joint choirs, some frustration with the logistics of combining choirs, was decided to leave it as we have been doing it for this year, but looked at idea of each choir either just doing it on their own at their home church or idea of both choirs singing at the service at different times

-Tent Event...the idea of a neighborhood movie night on the Friday the tent goes up was suggested as a way of utilizing the tent more...talked about making this Sunday "Invite-a-friend" Sunday

-Denise will order palms for Palm Sunday

-Talked about both band and choirs playing at both services on Spring concert Sunday June 2

-we need to set a date for dedicating the prayer garden

-Discussed that there were some negative comments about having an artificial Christmas...decided we could continue to think about this, but right now there seems to be too many positives to keeping it and that we will most likely use it again next year and save the \$500 it costs for a real tree

-Discussed whether or not we should have Teen Challenge choir back again. There have been some negative comments about the fact they solicit donations and that their testimonies are "rough" along with the fact that some in traditional service don't care for the style of music they present. Decided that

they could come on Rally Day when other community groups come to raise awareness of their ministry or maybe they could just come to the contemporary worship.

-Concern was brought up about passing the peace during flu season...suggestion was maybe to put hand sanitizer in the sanctuary and that either we do away with the peace or with suggest a different way of giving peace other than shaking hands

-Discussion on extra Christmas service was tabled. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. Pastor Erik closed with Prayer.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
 Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee
 Minutes for the November 11, 2012 meeting - Noon

Present: Committee: Denise Sobolik, Linda Frantz, Kerry Del Marto, Barbara D'Addario
 Staff: Caroline Hobbs, Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin, Pastor Erik, Pastor John
 Guest: Gayle Johnson

1. Opening prayer by Pastor John.
2. Set date for next meeting: Sunday, January 13, 2013 at Noon
3. Preview the worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
18	Pentecost 25	
21	Thanksgiving Eve	
25	Christ the King	
DECEMBER 2	Advent 1	Christmas Concert (see over). Dessert reception to follow (but still need to find setup and takedown help for Luther Hall). Need: Videographer. White Christmas flowers at the end of every other pew with the pew hooks
9	Advent 2	
16	Advent 3	
23	Advent 4	One traditional service at 10 am. Bells will play and have next Sunday off.
24	Nativity of our Lord	5 pm Contemporary; 8 & 10 Traditional
30	1 st Sunday of Christmas	One 'blended' service at 10 am. Student Recognition Sunday (college age young people to take parts in the service, including the sermon). Pastors will work on recruiting available and willing participants for all parts of the service.
JANUARY 6	The Epiphany of our Lord	
13		
20		Tentative date for Baptism Festival (may move from 1/13 to accommodate an interested family). Classical Concert, 2 pm (also March 17 & May 26)
27		
FEBRUARY 3		
10		
13	Ash Wednesday	At St. Columba's; 7:30 P.M.
17	Lent 1	
20	Midweek Lenten	Also February 27, March 6, 13 & 20

	Supper & Service	
24	Lent 2	
MARCH 3	Lent 3	
10	Lent 4	
17	Lent 5	
24	Palm Sunday	
28, 29 & 30	Holy Week	Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil – all 7:00 p.m.
31	Easter Sunday	8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
LOOKING AHEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 27 (Saturday), Make Bake Celebrate ○ April 28 – Tent Event III: 9:30 - Sunday School, 10:30 - Worship 	

4. Communion: Little Cups. It was decided to return to the former practice of providing the little cups at the Traditional Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, beginning December 2. For now we will continue to use plastic cups. The preparation of the sets for the Communion Ministers will likely be moved from the 1st Sunday to the last Sunday of the month, to make it a little less confusing for those just starting their month of service.

5. Classical Concert Series. We heard from Barbara D’Addario about her desire to step away from being the director of the series and into a lesser but supportive role. She shared some of the work that is required and some of the frustrations that have been encountered along the way. All agreed that the series is high quality and should endure. The issue of how to organize new leadership will remain on our committee’s (and the Council’s) agenda. Regarding the planned March Young Artists concert, it was suggested that we work with the Learning Committee to encourage our young people to attend.

6. CDC 25th Anniversary. Ideas were discussed for when and how to acknowledge that we are in the 25th year of our mission to provide a quality Christian environment for early childhood education. Some kind of emphasis or spotlight during a worship service is proposed. Larger events, such as a reunion, will be left to the CDC Board, should they choose to do so. A couple of dates that will be explored with the Director would be to have it on the Sunday of the annual Spring Sing (March) or in conjunction with the blessing of those from our school that are heading to kindergarten in the fall.

7. Christmas Decorating. It was reported that we have been given an artificial tree, complete with lights. It was assembled and inspected last Saturday and looks nice enough to be used in church – saving us several hundred dollars on the cost of a real tree and fireproofing. Along with discussing this new tree we discussed the decorating of the sanctuary and how to keep Advent vital even though the concert on December 2 is now called a Christmas Concert instead of The Hanging Of The Greens. We will plan to stage the decorations as much as possible, keeping in mind that the people power necessary to do the decorating may be challenged by this. The new Time & Talent Reports will be checked for those who volunteered for Christmas Decorating Team. Some ideas for decorating were shared, including a ribbon banner of some kind across the tree, with something like “Prepare The Way” across it. It was also noted that the flyer soliciting donations of poinsettias and branches for the tree will need to be changed. Pastor John will alert Marilyn about this. [Pastor John failed to mention that a theme and series for Advent has been set: “God’s Will.” Advent 1 – God Will Strengthen; Advent 2 – God Will Purify; Advent 3 – God Will Rejoice; Advent 4 – God Will Shepherd. A series of Gospel Acclamations has also been written (to the tune *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*) incorporating these themes.]

8. Cantata. Gayle asked that the Worship & Music Committee consider having the choir present another cantata. An example was one presented some years ago on Palm Sunday. Gayle suggested that some in the choir are open for more of a musical challenge and this might be a way to keep the choir from always feeling it has to do the same cycle of music. These larger pieces may also provide an opportunity to invite prospective choir members to try out the choir for the special event. If they like what they did, they might stay on.

9. Summer Musical Offerings. It was suggested that the process for filling the slots for musical offerings in the summer months be advertised maybe a little sooner and left open to interested Mount Cross members a little longer. Also, there is no reason that interested people could not present musical offerings during the regular year, too.

10. Children's Choir. Speaking of choirs, the question was raised about having a Children's Choir. All agreed that it would be nice but the combination of not having someone with the skill, passion and time to organize and lead and the fact that so many of our children are already so heavily booked into other events (scouting, sports, etc.), it was hard to imagine how this might get off the ground at this time.

Ongoing: Pattern for Worship. Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pages 91-93. www.mountcross.com/pattern.pdf
This will remain on the agenda for continued review and discussion. No discussion this month.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 2, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
Dessert Reception Following

THEME: CHRISTMAS MESSENGERS

Possible rehearsal Saturday 12/1 @ 9:30 A.M. w/Pastor

1st Reading – “A Message From _____”*

BELLS: Angels We Have Heard On High – Arr. Sandra Eithun

2nd Reading - “A Message From _____”*

BELLS: Angels Sang at Bethlehem – Mathew Prins

Congregation Hymn

CHOIR: Jesus Is Our Christmas Peace – Ruth Elaine Schram & Paul Baertsch

3rd Reading (Praise Band into position) - “A Message From _____”*

CHOIR: Christmas Prayer – Lloyd Larson

PRAISE BAND:

Congregation Hymn

PRAISE BAND:

4th Reading (Youth Group into position) - “A Message From _____”*

CHOIR: Love Came Down at Christmas – Howard Helvey;
Diana Washington/Oboe

YOUTH GROUP: tentative

5th Reading - “A Message From _____”*

BELLS: Christmas Angels Medley – Arr. Dan R. Edwards

* One or two brief messages from a variety of writers, read by a variety of Mount Cross people. See:
www.mountcross.com/messages.htm

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee
Minutes for the October 7, 2012 meeting - Noon
Present:
Committee: Barbara D’Addario, Denise Sobolik.

Staff: Guy Ervin, Caroline Hobbs, Jayne Pompey, Pastor Erik, Pastor John.

1. Opening prayer by Pastor John.
2. Date for next meeting: Sunday, November 18 at Noon.
3. Preview the worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
OCTOBER 14	Pentecost 20	Start of stewardship pledge drive. 4 th worship service in Oakhust, CA (Golf Weekend).
21	Pentecost 21	
28	Reformation	Conclusion of stewardship pledge drive. 1 st Communion @ 3 rd service. 2:00 p.m. – Classical Concert
NOVEMBER 4	All Saints	Baptism Festival. Remembrance of the saints who have left us in the last year. We will use PowerPoint slides during this part of the service.
11	Pentecost 24	Reception of new members
18	Pentecost 25	
21	Thanksgiving Eve	
25	Christ the King	
DECEMBER 2	Advent 1	Christmas Concert. Dessert reception to follow (but still need to find setup and takedown help for Luther Hall).
9	Advent 2	
16	Advent 3	
23	Advent 4	One traditional service at 10 am. Choir will sing and have next Sunday off.
24	Nativity of our Lord	5 pm Contemporary; 8 & 10 Traditional
30	1 st Sunday of Christmas	One ‘blended’ service at 10 am. Student Recognition Sunday (college age young people to take parts in the service, including the sermon). Pastors will work on recruiting available and willing participants for all parts of the service.
JANUARY 6	The Epiphany of our Lord	
LOOKING AHEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o January 20 - 2:00 p.m. – Classical Concert (also March 17 & May 26) o February 13, Ash Wednesday (at St. Columba’s) o March 24, Palm Sunday o March 28, Maundy Thursday o March 29, Good Friday o March 30, Easter Vigil (Baptism Festival) o March 31, Easter Sunday o April 27 (Saturday), Make Bake Celebrate o April 28 – Tent Event III: 9:30 - Sunday School, 10:30 - Worship 	

4. Review summer series. Positive reviews regarding the summer theme. Mixed reviews about not having the service in the park. Attendance about the same as last year. Possible idea for 2013: a 9 am service at the church and a 10:30 or 11 am service in a park with picnic following. Also: it was asked whether the two services in the parks on weeknights were something that would continue. They were experiments at giving people alternatives to Sunday morning (for those who face competition from other commitments on Sunday as well as a chance to get people used to taking ‘church’ outside the walls of the sanctuary).

5. Communion: Little Cups. No comments yet; perhaps too early. Will review again at first meeting in the new year.

6. **Pattern for Worship.** Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pages 91-93. www.mountcross.com/pattern.pdf Pastor John said this will remain on the agenda for continued review and discussion. Denise asked whether Readers are given instruction as to whether to read the introduction or not (it is their option) and if they do, could they provide a clear break between the intro and the actual reading.

7. Additional discussion included:

- Pastor Erik mentioned that we are always looking for ‘special event’ Sundays; it helps create an eagerness to be with the community for worship if you know you might miss something unique on a particular Sunday.
- Could we resume adding a slide that alerts the congregation to special things coming the following week, like who is providing musical offering, etc.
- Looking for a date for a special 25th Anniversary observance for the CDC. Possibly make it a reunion Sunday (through ads in the papers, Facebook, etc.).
- Looking for dates for “Invite A Friend Sundays
- Could the “and those we name before you now” portion of the Prayers of Intercession include an opportunity for prayers of thanks and praise?
- There continues to be concern about the distractions of little ones in worship at the 8:15 service. Pastor John will address this one.
- Upstairs piano in need of tuning; especially the high C.
- Bell choir needs ringers; especially for Christmas Eve (as we borrow ringers from other churches who will probably need them at that time of year)
- Sanctuary choir is adding a new member; director is concerned about one who only attended one rehearsal and felt we weren’t welcoming of friendly.
- A large, artificial Christmas tree is likely going to be available. This info will be passed to whomever takes over the sanctuary decorating.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee
Minutes of the August 19, 2012 meeting at 11:45

1. Opening prayer by Pastor John.
2. Present: Committee: Barbara D’Addario, Linda Frantz, Denise Sobolik. Staff: Guy Ervin, Caroline Hobbs, Jayne Pompey, Pastor Erik, Pastor John.
3. Date for next meeting: Sunday, October 7 @ Noon.
4. Preview the worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
26	Pentecost 13	Worship at 9 & 10:30. Picnic at Nancy Bush Park at Noon (note change in schedule and location)
SEPTEMBER 2	Pentecost 14	Last Sunday of two service summer schedule
9	Pentecost 15	Return to three service schedule Rally Day (but no Information Faire today; see #4 below)
16	Pentecost 16	
23	Pentecost 17	Sunday School begins
30	Pentecost 18	This is the Sunday that Worship & Music will be highlighted on the patio and in the worship service (Temple Talk). We’ll look for ways to lift up some of the worship assisting jobs, especially those behind the scenes.
OCTOBER 7	Pentecost 19	
14	Pentecost 20	Possible start of stewardship pledge drive
21	Pentecost 21	
28	Reformation	Possible conclusion of stewardship pledge drive 2:00 p.m. – Classical Concert
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18	Pentecost 25	
21	Thanksgiving Eve	We'll invite St. Columba's to join us, but not plan a joint service.
25	Christ the King	
DECEMBER 2	Advent 1	Christmas Concert.
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24	Nativity of our Lord	5 pm Contemporary; 8 & 10 Traditional
30	1 st Sunday of Christmas	One 'blended' service at 10 am. Student Recognition Sunday (college age young people to take parts in the service, including the sermon).
JANUARY 6	The Epiphany of our Lord	
LOOKING AHEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o January 20 - 2:00 p.m. – Classical Concert (also March 17 & May 26) o February 13, Ash Wednesday (at St. Columba's) o March 24, Palm Sunday o March 28, Maundy Thursday o March 29, Good Friday o March 30, Easter Vigil (Baptism Festival) o March 31, Easter Sunday o April 27 (Saturday), Make Bake Celebrate o April 28 – Tent Event III: 9:30 - Sunday School, 10:30 - Worship 	

4. Rally Day and Information Fair Changes. We reviewed the changes approved at the last Church Council meeting, spreading the Information Faire across 5 Sundays. Worship & Music will be 9/30. Pastor John briefly sketched an introduction to *Faith Infusion*.

5. Reports

- Pastor John shared someone's idea that sometime it would be fun for the Praise Band to back up the Sanctuary Choir. Best day to do this is probably April 28, 2013, when we have one service in the tent. Pastor John also shared "Pattern For Worship" (see below) and asked committee members to review and comment at next meeting; whether there are changes suggested by this.
- Denise mentioned that the Ugandan Children's Choir will be in the area in November – January. Are we interested. Pastors will look into this.
- Jayne reported that the bells are due back any time from their periodic refurbishing. Help needed to get them back into the loft.
- Pastor John mentioned that Scott Ingram, our dependable set-up and take-down guy has moved to China for a teaching job. We're looking for someone(s) to be available to do this.
- It was suggested that when lay people are asked to distribute the bread at Communion, they be coached as to the blessing to give the children.
- Denise reports the Altar Guild handbook is nearing completion.
- It was mentioned that Hospitality needs help; it is sometimes hard for a first service person to stay through end of second service, not to mention extending Hospitality until after the 3rd service. If a team of three (one from each service) was created for each week, they could tag-team through the morning. Idea will be passed to Fellowship Committee.
- It was mentioned that the red attendance books are looking pretty sad. We have a donor ready to provide new ones and Welcome Team is reviewing a new format for the inside pad. Help is on the way.
- Assisting Ministers (1st & 2nd service) and Pastors (3rd service) are asked to provide a longer time of silence during the prayers, when they say, "And those we name before you now..." Many feel there is not enough time given to reflect on those who are in need of prayer.
- It was decided to stop using the little plastic cups for Communion until further notice. We will review again at the October meeting.

· Denise will pass along a handbook for Christmas decorating. She and her family have stepped away from this. It is time for a new format for decorating. Fellowship Committee will be alerted. Perhaps W&M and Fellowship can work together to create the kind of decorating party many remember doing here at Mount Cross in years past and in other places, too.

6. New Pew Bible purchase. We approved the purchase of new hardcover pew Bibles. They pass three important tests: #1 – They are New Revised Standard Version (the one we usually use for worship); #2 – The page numbers are at the center of each page and not buried near the book’s spine; #3 – The page numbers do not start over in the New Testament, so there is only one page 48. We will purchase them through Ms. Figs bookstore here in Camarillo (a decision to support local business). With a generous 20% discount, each Bible will cost \$11.14 (that includes tax). 200 copies @ \$11.14 would come to a total cost of \$2,228.00. A recent generous anonymous donation of \$3500 will more than cover this expense (and the Church Council has already amended the budget to allow for the purchase).



Meeting adjourned approximately 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
 Pastor John W. Soyster
 Secretary pro tem

<p>Pattern for Worship [Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pages 91-93] In the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need. The basic pattern of this service—gathering, word, meal, sending—is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God. <i>Central elements of the liturgy are noted in bold type; other elements support the essential shape of Christian worship.</i></p>	
<p>Gathering <i>The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.</i></p>	
<p>Confession and Forgiveness or Thanksgiving for Baptism</p>	<p>On the day of Christ's resurrection, and at other times, God gathers us in Christian assembly. We confess our sin and hear God's word of forgiveness. We give thanks for God's mercy in the gift of baptism.</p>

Gathering Song Hymn or Psalm Kyrie Canticle of Praise	Singing at the gathering may include hymns old and new; a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world; a canticle of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
Greeting Prayer of the Day	During the gathering, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God. The presiding minister gathers the assembly into prayer.
Word <i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i>	
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel Acclamation Gospel Sermon	The word of God is proclaimed within and by the gathered assembly. The first Bible reading, usually from the Old Testament, is followed by a psalm sung in response. The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church. We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading. Preaching brings God's word of love and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.
Hymn of the Day Creed Prayers of Intercession Peace	God's word is further proclaimed as we sing and as we confess our faith with the whole church. After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace.
Meal <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i>	
Offering Setting the Table Offering Prayer	A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. The table is set with bread and wine.
Great Thanksgiving Dialogue and Preface Holy, Holy, Holy	Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.
Thanksgiving at the Table with Words of Institution or Words of Institution Lord's Prayer	The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise at the table. A full thanksgiving also includes praise to God for creation and salvation; remembrance of the crucified and risen Christ, and prayer for the Holy Spirit in this meal. The thanksgiving concludes with the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

Communion Communion Song Prayer after Communion	In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us In witness to the world.
Sending <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>	
Sending of Communion Blessing Sending Song Dismissal	God's mission includes the gifts of grace that we share in worship and take also to the absent, now, we are sent to continue our participation in God's mission. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee
 Minutes of the May 6, 2012 meeting

Present:

Committee: Geri Bradley, Denise Sobolik,

Staff: Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Pastor Erik, Pastor John

1. Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer at Noon.
2. Date set for the next meeting: **Sunday, August 19, 11:30 a.m.** (after 2nd service).
3. Worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
MAY 13	Easter 6	Mother's Day. Office staff will contact florist for the usual carnation gift.
20	Easter 7	New members @ 8:15 & 9:30; Confirmation @ 10:45
27	Pentecost	Memorial Weekend Classical Concert, 2 pm
JUNE 3	The Holy Trinity	Begin summer schedule – Traditional at 9 am, Contemporary at 10:30 am (except 6/3). Baptism Festival. Concert Service @ both services. CDC 'Baccalaureate' @ 10:30. Pastors will look for ways to make those used to the contemporary service feel comfortable with the changed format. Jim Gramacki to be contacted about video projection of bell choir (as we've done for Hanging of the Greens).
10	Pentecost 2	Graduate recognitions. Begin summer theme: something to do with <i>Journeys</i> . See below for a list of possible passages. Please feel free to indicate which ones you'd like to see the pastors use for a Sunday morning theme.
17*	Pentecost 3	Teen Challenge at both services.
24	Pentecost 4	
JULY 1	Pentecost 5	
8	Pentecost 6	

15*	Pentecost 7	Blessing of those headed to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans
22	Pentecost 8	
29	Pentecost 9	VBS starts tomorrow
AUGUST 5	Pentecost 10	
12	Pentecost 11	
19*	Pentecost 12	Baptism Festival (<i>tentative date</i>)
26	Pentecost 13	Worship in the park & picnic – location to be researched and determined later.
SEPTEMBER 2	Pentecost 14	Return to three service schedule
9	Pentecost 15	Rally Day
16	Pentecost 16	Sunday School begins
LOOKING AHEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 28, Reformation Sunday - November 4, All Saints Sunday/Baptism Festival - November 21, Thanksgiving Eve service - December 2, 1st Sunday of Advent - December 2 or 9 – Hanging of the Greens (or whatever the new name will be) - December 25 is a Tuesday (consider modifying the schedule for Sunday and Monday) 	
* Little cups for Communion on these summer Sundays only.		

6. Reports & Action Items

Teen Challenge. Reaffirmed our decision to make the June 17 visit the last Sunday morning worship appearance. Consider inviting them to some alternative special concert or service. In the future they will be invited to Rally Day or perhaps become one of the causes supported by the alternative Christmas market.

Plastic Communion Cups. We will use little cups on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the summer (which we have done before). At the August meeting we will consider whether or not to discontinue their use.

Grape juice. Continued our discussion on how to make it easier for people who prefer grape juice during communion. Pastor Erik recently saw a ceramic chalice with two compartments. We'll continue our search for a good solution.

Communion By Table. Pastors will keep this on their radar and schedule when appropriate.

Altar Guild Handbook & Marking Sip / Dip Chalices. Denise is still working on these two items.

Review of Lent/Holy Week/Easter. Tent service very enjoyable. Maundy Thursday still appreciated but this year's service perhaps not as 'user friendly' as in past years. Easter cross – no comment about it not being in the sanctuary; fewer flowers placed on the outside cross. Overall attendance down on Easter morning, too.

Messaging / Marketing. A discussion about how to improve on the way we get our name and our activities out to our own folks as well as the larger community (which is larger issue than just the Worship & Music Committee, of course).

Meeting adjourned about 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Pastor John W. Soyster
Secretary pro tem

Give Us Bread For The Journey - Summer 2012 (13 Sundays, beginning June 10 and ending September 2)
When we gather around the Word and the Table we are given bread for the week ahead; nourishment for the next stage of our life's journey. Thinking ahead to the summer, here are some "journey" stories. Many of these journeys probably contained an element of fear (which was mentioned at one of our recent Worship Committee meetings). If you would find it meaningful to explore one or more of these journey stories this summer, check it and return this to one of the pastors.

A. Old Testament Journeys

- r The journey out of Eden (Genesis 3:22-24, etc.)
- r The journey from Ur to Canaan (Genesis 11 & 12)
- r The journey through the flood in the ark (Genesis 6-8)
- r The journey to Mount Moriah (Genesis 22)
- r The journey of Jacob back home – to Esau (Genesis 32-33)
- r The journey to Egypt – Joseph (Genesis 37ff)
- r The journey out of Egypt – Moses (Exodus)
- r The journey to Canaan – Joshua (Joshua)
- r The journey of Naomi & Ruth to Bethlehem (Ruth)
- r The journey to meet Goliath – David (1st Samuel 17)
- r The journey to Babylon (Ezekiel, et al)
- r The journey back to Jerusalem (Ezra, Nehemiah, et al)
- r The journey to Nineveh (Jonah)

B. Journeys with and for Jesus

- r The journey of the Magi
- r The journeys that begin with the words "Follow me" – Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew, et al
- r The journey across the lake (Mark 4:35-41)
- r The journey to a cemetery (Mark 5:1-20)
- r The first journey as the body of Christ in the world (Mark 6:7-13, 30)
- r The disciples' journey with a cross (Luke 14:27)
- r Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.
- r The journey to the world (Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8)
- r The journey back to Jerusalem – after the ascension (Acts 1:9-14 and following)
- r The journey from Jerusalem to Gaza – Philip (acts 8:26-40)
- r The journey to Damascus – Saul/Paul (Acts 9)
- r Paul's many journeys, especially the journey to Rome (Acts 27& 28)

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee

Minutes of the March 18, 2012 meeting at Noon

Committee: Geri Bradley, Barbara D'Addario, Kerry Del Marto, Linda Frantz, Denise Sobolik,

Staff: Guy Ervin, Caroline Hobbs, Jayne Pompey, Pastor Erik, Pastor John

Present: Geri Bradley, Linda Frantz, Denise Sobolik, Guy Ervin, Pastor Erik, Pastor John

1. Opening prayer by Pastor John.
2. Introduction of new Council Liaison: Denise Sobolik
3. Set date for next meeting: **Sunday, May 6 at Noon.**
4. Preview the worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
Wednesday, 21	Midweek Service	Stations of the Cross (#9, #10 & #11)

25	Lent 5	
Wednesday, 28	Last midweek service	Stations of the Cross (#12, #13 & #14)
APRIL 1	Palm Sunday	Denise will take care of the palms and decorating.
Thursday, 5	Maundy Thursday	7 p.m. – “Your Place At The Lord’s Table”
Friday, 6	Good Friday	Noon – 3 – Church open for Stations of the Cross meditation (?) 7 p.m. – Service of Darkness
Saturday, 7	Holy Saturday	7 p.m. – Easter Vigil & Baptism Festival (4 baptisms scheduled so far)
8	Easter Sunday	Times: 8, 9:30 & 11
15	Easter 2	
22	Easter 3	
29	Easter 4	Tent Event II – Good Shepherd Sunday – Psalm 23 and John 10 may provide some ideas.
MAY 6		
13		Mother’s Day
20		New members @ 8:15 & 9:30; Confirmation @ 10:45
27		Memorial Weekend Classical Concert, 2 pm
JUNE 3		Begin summer schedule – Traditional at 9 am, Contemporary at 10:30 am Baptism Festival. Concert Service @ 9 (and maybe at 10:30 also; Caroline says okay; Bells say okay; Jayne will check with choir 3/21. CDC ‘Baccalaureate’ @ 10:30 One idea for the theme: Use “Give Us Bread For The Journey” as the basis for exploring a way through the many fears that are faced by people today.
LOOKING AHEAD	- Summer Baptism Festival – August 19 (tentative date) - Teen Challenge – June 17 - VBS – July 30 – August 3 - Worship in the park & picnic – August 26 - Return to regular schedule – September 2 - Rally Day – September 9	

6. Reports & Action Items

Ø **Teen Challenge.** At the March Council meeting, the Fellowship Committee shared the concern that on Sundays when we have the Teen Challenge ladies with us, the service runs long and cuts into the fellowship event planned for that day. Another raised a concern about whether they should be asking for money, etc. Discussion included affirmation that they are a worthy cause and have been participating in worship for many years. Some concerns over the frank stories that sometimes are shared with young children in the room. Consensus that since we have had them schedule for almost a year, we proceed as planned (June 17). They will be asked for two songs and one testimony or one song and two testimonies and the rest of the service will be adjusted accordingly to watch the time. In the future they will be encouraged to be present with a table at Rally Day or perhaps become one of the causes supported by the alternative Christmas market.

Ø **Concert Service.** After the Praise Band’s Classic Rock service and the last Concert Service, more than one person has asked why, after all that work, it was only presented once. If the Sanctuary Choir agrees, this year the Concert Service will be presented at both the 9 and 10:30 services. We will do what we can to make the younger crowd that usually attends the later service feel engaged by this service.

Ø **Plastic Communion Cups.** Continued our discussion about doing away with small cups. At least three reasons offered for doing so: 1) easier for altar guild, who have little time between services; 2) do away with plastic communion cups which are bad stewardship of the environment; 3) stop sending an implied message that communion is “disposable.” On the other side, there is 1) the weight of tradition and 2) the sense that intinction does not give one the feeling of drinking. One idea was to move to once a month during the summer (which we have done before) and then discontinue their use in September. Or discontinue in September with advance notice. Or discontinue in September without notice and evaluate at the end of the year. Decision was to move to once a month in the summer (June, July & August) and evaluate in August before making a change.

Ø **Grape juice.** Continued our discussion on how to make it easier for people who prefer grape juice during communion? Currently they have to ask specifically and it means having to stop the flow and turning around to get

the little tray which brings attention to their request. Ideas: 1) have a third cup available (that the acolyte holds) with grape juice; 2) a second communion assistant; 3) make the sipping cup wine and the dipping cup grape juice (you can't really taste much when you dip anyway); 4) make a tray that would hold both a chalice & an adequate supply of little cups of grape juice. This will remain on the to do list.

Ø **Worship folder language.** The pastors have been discussing ways to lessen the gap between what happens in worship on Sunday and what happens in people's lives the rest of the week. Sometimes the language we use in church has little connection with the 'real world.' If worship is a time to practice the faith that is lived the rest of the week, can changing what we call things make a difference? Example: in the new worship book the phrase "Words of Institution" have generally been replaced by "Thanksgiving At The Table." What if "Confession" became "Truth Telling," for example. Wil continue to explore this topic.

Ø **Communion By Table.** It was suggested again that we look for occasional Sundays when we keep folks at the rail for a group blessing (holding hands, perhaps) and dismissal, knowing that it will add to the length of the service.

Ø **Stephen Ministry Prayer Stations.** Some Stephen Ministers have offered to have seats available after Communion for those who wish to have prayers for healing (anointing?). A couple of chairs could be set up behind the altar on a Sunday when we have 'walk by' Communion. This also reminded us that we have not scheduled a special service of prayer for healing in too long. Past services have been included in worship and at a separate time.

Ø **Altar Guild Handbook.** Denise will work on the updated handbook, incorporating the recent changes that have been made, especially in the way Communion is handled at 3rd service.

Ø **Marking Sip / Dip Chalices.** It is not always easy to distinguish the deep wooden chalice used for drinking from the shallow one used for dipping. Could we attach something around the base of one of them to identify it? Denise will look into this.

Ø **Acolytes.** It was noted that with a smaller Confirmation class it is sometimes hard to have enough acolytes available. And they aren't always given the sense that they are needed. Pastors will explore ways to enhance their role in meaningful ways.

Meeting adjourned about 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Pastor John W. Soyster
Secretary pro tem

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee
Minutes of the January 15, 2012 meeting

Present:

Committee: Geri Bradley, Barbara D'Addario, Kerry Del Marto, Linda Frantz, Denise Sobolik,

Staff: Guy Ervin, Caroline Hobbs, Jayne Pompey, Pastor John

1. Opening prayer by Pastor John.
2. Date for next meeting: Sunday, March 18, 2012 @ Noon.
3. Worship schedule – January into June:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
JANUARY 22	Epiphany 3	Classical Concert, 2 pm
29	Epiphany 4	Annual Meeting, 4 pm Chili Cook-off, 5:30 pm
FEBRUARY 5	Epiphany 5	Church Council installation – all services
12	Epiphany 6	Vacation – Pastor John gone
19	Transfiguration	
<i>Wednesday, 22</i>	Ash Wednesday	St. Columba's Episcopal joins us for worship at Mount Cross; Episcopal preacher, Lutheran liturgy and music leadership ¹
26	Lent 1	Winter Camp – Pastor Erik gone
<i>Wednesday, 29</i>		6:00 pm – Supper; 7:00 p.m. – Worship ² . Theme: <i>tba</i>
MARCH 4	Lent 2	
<i>Wednesday, 7</i>		
11	Lent 3	Winter Camp – Pastor Erik gone

Wednesday, 14		
18	Lent 4	
Wednesday, 21		
25	Lent 5	
Wednesday, 28		
APRIL 1	Palm Sunday ³	
Thursday, 5	Maundy Thursday	7 p.m. – “Your Place At The Lord’s Table”
Friday, 6	Good Friday	7 p.m. – Service of Darkness
Saturday, 7	Holy Saturday	7 p.m. – Easter Vigil & Baptism Festival
8	Easter Sunday	Times: 8, 9:30 & 11
15	Easter 2	
22	Easter 3	
29	Easter 4	Tent Event II ⁴
MAY 6		
13		Mother’s Day
20		Confirmation @ 10:45
27		Memorial Weekend Classical Concert, 2 pm
JUNE 3		Begin summer schedule – Traditional at 9, ⁵ Contemporary at 10:30 Concert Service @ 9 CDC ‘Baccalaureate’ @ 10:30
LOOKING AHEAD	Baptism Festivals – June 10 & August 19 ⁶ Teen Challenge – June 17 Service in the park – August 26 ⁷ Return to regular schedule – September 2 Rally Day – September 9	

Notes on the schedule:

1 – Pastor John will deliver music to St. Columba’s this week. Denise will again prepare our Lenten ‘desert scene’ to be placed near the font.

2 – Holden Evening Prayer

3 – Last year’s ‘eco-palms’ arrived too early, molded and dried out. This year we’ll order from the florist.

4 – We’ll again plan to have a tent meeting/revival feel for the service. Band is onboard to play. 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally “Good Shepherd Sunday,” so that might guide the theme.

5 – Little cups for Communion on 1st Sunday of the month only. Theme still to be decided.

6 – June 10 is a firm date; August 19 will be set when the first family chooses a date.

4. Debrief the Advent/Christmas seasons

- PJ’s thoughts: We don’t need to call it ‘Hanging of the Greens’ anymore; people will come to a Christmas Concert by our music ministries (and others) no matter what we call it. 2nd thoughts about the request for no applause at Hanging of the Greens. Thanks to Caroline for extra effort on the ambience of the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, and for researching video resources for us in the service – sign of a larger role for her in worship planning.

- There was discussion about a real tree vs. artificial tree. It was felt that the money spent (approx. \$500 for tree + fireproofing) was hard to justify. We will explore obtaining an artificial tree, either from possible donation (Rick Mann knows of someone) or purchase).

- This was the last Christmas decorated by the Sobolik family. Denise will prepare a handbook to guide those who follow. Also mentioned that though there is a good supply of lights, decorations, etc., there is no budget for these items.

5. Old Business:

- Altar Guild. Instructions for altar guild will be updated in the new year to take into account the new communion ware and the changes at the 3rd service. Pastor John suggested that there is no longer a need to use only the new wooden Communion ware for services, as all of the items we have are memorial gifts. The two shallow chalices should still be used each week at the Contemporary Service, as that was the original motivation for the project.

· Children's Bibles have been moved from dormancy on the shelves of the church library racks into active use in the pews in church.

· Re: the suggestion that we do away with the small cups used for Communion. It was decided that when we cut back to the first Sunday of the month during the summer months, we will keep that schedule into the fall of 2012. We can evaluate in a year.

· Re: How to make it easier for people who prefer grape juice during communion. Tabled until another meeting.

· Another Communion concern: more than one person mentioned that sometimes the gap between the pastor giving the bread and the next assistant with the wine is too small. No time allowed for eating and reflecting. Assistants will be reminded to leave a gap of two to three people. Instructions will also be updated to show this.

· Communion by tables. It was suggested that from time to time we use a practice of keeping a group at the rail until all have communed, at which time they are dismissed to their seats with a blessing.

· Prayer stations. Stephen Ministry will begin (at a date to be determined) offering occasional prayer stations behind the altar for those wishing to have a prayer with pastor or lay person. At traditional services, this would take place on a Sunday we use walk-by Communion.

· Kneelers. There was discussion about the possibility of installing kneelers. Some have experience with these in other churches and like the option of being able to use them. There were concerns that kneelers attached to the pews would cut down on precious space available now. Some churches use movable kneeling pads, which look like little ottomans, but we worried about a tripping danger. We'll refer this to the Sanctuary Design Committee.

Meeting adjourned about 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor John W. Soyster
Secretary pro tem

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Music Staff & Worship & Music Committee
Minutes of the November 20, 2011 Meeting

Present:

Staff – Jayne Pompey, Guy Ervin, Pastor John.

Committee – Denise Sobolik, Linda Frantz, Kerri Del Marto, Barbara D'Addario

1. Opening prayer. Pastor John welcomed new committee member Barbara D'Addario and then opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Set date for next meeting: Sunday, January 15, 2012 at Noon.

3. Reviewed the worship schedule for the coming weeks and months:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
NOVEMBER <i>Wednesday,</i> 23	Thanksgiving Eve	Worship at 7, pie at 7:30. Note: St. Columba's not joining us this year.
27	Advent 1	Thanksgiving Weekend Begin an Advent/Christmas worship/sermon series on angels
DECEMBER 4	Advent 2	7 p.m., Hanging of the Greens
11	Advent 3	
18	Advent 4	Sunday School Christmas Program, 5 pm

<i>Saturday</i> 24	Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Eve)	5 pm: Praise Band 8 & 10 pm: Bells & Choir
25	Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Day)	Traditional Service – no choirs
JANUARY 1, 2012	Christmas 1 or Name of Jesus	Traditional Service – no choirs
8	Baptism of our Lord	Baptism Festival
15	Epiphany 2	
22	Epiphany 3	Classical Concert, 2 pm
29	Epiphany 4	Annual Meeting, later in the day
FEBRUARY 5	Epiphany 5	
12	Epiphany 6	Vacation – Pastor John gone
19	Transfiguration	
<i>Wednesday</i> 22	Ash Wednesday	Worship at Mount Cross
26	Lent 1	Winter Camp – Pastor Erik gone
LOOKING AHEAD	Palm Sunday – April 1 Maundy Thursday – April 5 Good Friday – April 6 Easter Vigil – April 6 Easter Sunday – April 8 Tent Event – April 29 Confirmation – May 20 Start summer schedule – June 3 Teen Challenge – June 17 Return to regular schedule – September 2 Rally Day – September 9	

4. Worship notes:

On Christmas Eve, households will be asked to sign up to the reading of the Christmas story at the early service. New nativity scene will be in use; 7 large pieces (Jesus, Joseph, Mary, shepherd and 3 Magi).

5. Hanging of the Greens.

Rehearsal on Saturday, 12/3 at 9 am.

Reviewed the program order and other needs, such as PowerPoint slides that will be needed, video camera, 2 front right pews to be reserved, piano moved up front. Pastor John will be working on the readings to connect the musical numbers and select the congregation hymns. Tree should be up. Additional greens will be placed during the hymns.

6. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Music and services were discussed in brief.

7. Altar Guild. Instructions for altar guild will be updated in the new year to take into account the new communion ware and the changes at the 3rd service. Advent 2011 = purple. With angel theme in sermons during Advent/Christmas, an angel tree topper is being considered. Also, Denise has a lead on a set of gold, frankincense and myrrh – may purchase for future use.

8. Children's Bibles are being moved from dormancy on the shelves of the church library racks into active use in the pews in church.

9. Began a discussion about doing away with small cups...could cut back to one a month then eventually none. Some reasons: Would be easier for altar guild who have little time between services; would showcase new communion ware more often; would do away with plastic communion cups which are bad stewardship of the environment and send message that communion is "disposable." Will continue the discussion.

10. Began a discussion on how to make it easier for people who prefer grape juice during communion? Currently they have to ask specifically and it means having to stop the flow and turning around to get the little tray which brings attention to their request. Could we have a third cup available that the acolyte holds with grape juice? Could we get second communion assistant? Could we make the sipping cup wine and the dipping cup grape juice? (You can't really taste much when you dip anyway). Not sure what solution is but would like some discussion on it as this would make a more welcoming experience for several in our congregation who struggle with addiction as well as

children. Idea: a plate with holes for the little cups and a cut out for the chalice (see illustration, but substitute little cups for the cheese and crackers):



11. Minutes from the recent meeting of the Sanctuary Design Committee (November 3, 2011) were shared so that we were aware of some of the things they are discussing (better use of the loft, sound system relocation, improved projection, etc.).

12. The budget requests for 2012 were reviewed as was the new plan to account for the use of designated funds. Numbers sent on to the Budget Committee.

Acct. #	Item	2010 Budget	2010 actual	2011 Budget	2011 actual (through 10/31)	2012 Budget Request	Notes
630.10	Altar Supply	1,200.00	1,438.10	1,200.00	1402.17	1400.00	
630.20	Choir Music	300.00	105.00	300.00	837.36	500.00	
630.30	Bell Music & Equip.	396.00	357.07	400.00	418.30	400.00	
630.35	Deferred Bell Maintenance	-	-	500.00		500.00	
630.50	Instrument Maintenance	756.00	606.03	825.00	275.00	500.00	
630.60	Instrumental Musicians	125.00	200.00	200.00	0	200.00	
630.80	Worship & Music – Other	124.50	200.00	200.00	96.52	200.00	
630.90	W&M Continuing Education	1,200.00	78.00	1,000.00	1152.24	1000.00	
630.95	Contemporary Service	504.00	478.14	500.00	59.95*	300.00	f
	Subtotal						
	Sunday flowers					3200.00	Balance in the account as of 11/2/2011: 81465.39
	Holiday flowers					1500.00	Balance: Denise is working on the amount for tree, poinsettias and Easter lilies
	Praise Band					800.00	Balance: 800.00
	Sound Systems					0	Balance: 100.20
	Worship & Music General					200	Balance: 889.81
	Children's Choir					0	Balance: 991.69
	Choir, Adult					0	Balance: 1503.50
	Handbells					0	Balance: 3373.78

	Handbelltuning/maintenance					0	Balance: 2392.96
	Classical Concert Series						
	Total						

* There are still some receipts out so this number will go up.

Minutes

Mount Cross Music Staff // Worship & Music Committee

Sunday, September 25, 2011 - Noon

Present:

Staff: Guy Ervin, Jayne Pompey, Caroline Hobbs, Pastor John.

Committee: Geri Bradley, Linda Frantz, Denise Sobolik.

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor John
2. Date of next meeting: Sunday, November 20 at Noon.
3. Worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
October 2	Pentecost 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stewardship season begins. · Temple Talks at all three services – during the offering. · Bible mural <i>may</i> go up this week. · “Bread For The Journey” – Stewardship theme song
9	Pentecost 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stewardship season continues. · Temple Talks at all three services. · Bible mural will be up on the wall and will stay till the end of the month. · Bread Baskets start their journeys through neighborhoods.
16	Pentecost 18	
23	Pentecost 19	Mount Cross Lutheran Church chartered on this date 1966 (in other words, our 45 th anniversary). Anniversary commemoration worked into the morning’s service/sermon.
30	Reformation	Bread Baskets return; end of Stewardship campaign.
November 6	All Saints	Baptism Festival Higginbotham/Hatfield wedding at 2 p.m.
13	Pentecost 22	New members received
20	Christ the King (Last Sunday after Pentecost)	
Wednesday, 23	Thanksgiving Eve	Worship at 7, pie at 7:30.
27	Advent 1	Thanksgiving Weekend
December 4	Advent 2	7 p.m., Hanging of the Greens, with dessert potluck to follow.
11	Advent 3	
18	Advent 4	
Saturday 24	Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Eve)	Regular schedule? * See notes below on Christmas Eve 2010 from January 2011 W&M meeting
25	Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Day)	Traditional Service.
January 1, 2012	Christmas 1 or Name of Jesus	Traditional Service.

Discussion related to the schedule:

- o Committee agreed we ask whole households to read the three portions of the Christmas story at the 5:00 p.m. service.

- o Pastors will confer about how to bring a more ‘family friendly’ sermon to the early service.
- o We inherited a nice nativity set from Adda Lukehart. It is larger than the one we’ve used for many years and in excellent condition.
- o Pastor John will invite St. Columba’s Episcopal Church to join us for Thanksgiving Eve (Service of the Word & Pie). This in response from their priest about adding a second joint service to the year’s schedule. We will also ask them to bring a couple of extra pies with them. Will evaluate after this year’s service.
- o The suggestion that the December 25th service be Traditional and the January 1st service be Contemporary will not be followed as it is expected to be tough to get the Praise Band together for that Sunday. Will plan for a simple, Traditional Service, but no Musical Offering from choir or bells.
- o Advent: The traditional staged arrival of the greenery in the sanctuary will be (tentatively): Advent Wreath (11/27); Christmas Tree (12/4 – if a large tree can be found, if not, 12/11); balcony wreaths (12/11 (or the tree); pew greenery (12/18).

4. A Summer of Soul Care. Good feedback on this summer’s series. The theme of soul care will continue into 2012 (Journey to the Center of the Soul), but not as a major, published theme as during the summer.

5. Changes to Worship Assistant instructions:

- Modifications to Usher and Greeter instructions (from I-Cubed) are being incorporated into the worship assistant instructions.
- Assisting Minister to be added at 3rd service; will double as a Communion Assistant.
- bringing of the gifts (bread, wine and offering) to take place during the communion transition song at 3rd service.

6. Grand Piano Overhaul. The Concert Series has proposed a major overhaul of the grand piano in the sanctuary. Property Committee approved the proposal at their 7/26/11 meeting. The piano was shipped to the shop in North Hollywood, August 8 and is expected to return week of 9/26/11. The music staff has been informed of this. The quote for the overhaul is \$5,250.00, plus transportation \$500 to and from the shop. \$3000 is coming from the Joe D’Addario Memorial; \$1000 from the Concert Series; \$1000 from the Ione Grailer memorial fund. **Action: Request that Church Council approve the use of \$750 from the designated fund Children’s Choir.** [NOTE: This part of the minutes will be forwarded to the Executive Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee for action at the October Church Council meeting.]

7. Hanging of the Greens. Jayne reported this year’s theme: *Breath of Heaven*. Music selections and coordination of various groups is under way. Jayne showed the baby’s breath/red ribbon pew decorations that she is buying, for use at the concert and then for use in her home for Christmas. Pastor John, as he prepares the connecting narrative, will arrange for a way to have the bows brought in early in the program (perhaps along with some other greens), so that this will continue to be “The Hanging of the Greens” and not just a Christmas Concert. Jayne is working a deal to pay Scott Ingram to set up and take down Luther Hall for the reception following.

8. Children’s Choir. Following on the decision to use a large portion of the Children’s Choir designated funds, we felt it wise to ask the question: should we look to resume offering a Children’s Choir? Committee consensus was that unless we find someone with the passion and skill to lead this, we will not pursue at this time.

9. Little cups at communion. Question was raised, both from an environmental and practical standpoint, whether we need to offer the little cups as often as twice a month. Some felt that if we went to once a month, like we do during the summer, it should be on the 3rd Sunday – easier than the 1st Sunday for a newly serving Altar Guild team who also has to prepare the communion sets. Other thought was that for many, 1st Sunday of the month is still the traditional Sunday for communion – from when we used to only offer it once a month. No decision. Pastors will confer.

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11. “Looking Ahead.” The brief appearance of PowerPoint slides announcing next week’s theme and musical offering, etc., has been missed. Pastor John will look at restoring.

12. Band Parking. Caroline spoke of the challenge faced by the Praise Band when they arrive on Sunday morning, to find close-in parking. They carry instruments, amps, and other equipment into the CDC office to rehearse before they head over to the sanctuary for the 3rd service. **Action: Property Committee to be asked if there is a way to create temporary street parking for four or five cars in front of the church, adjacent to the CDC office.**

[NOTE: This part of the minutes will be forwarded to the Property Committee for consideration at their next meeting.]

13. Christmas Decorating. Denise reported that 2011 will be the last year the Sobolik family will take care of the Christmas decorating. Suggestions: they train those who indicate on their Time & Talent a willingness to help with sanctuary decoration or ask the youth or other group in the church to take this on.

14. Plasma TV in the Sanctuary? In the preliminary discussions by the Technology Task Force, there has apparently been some discussion about putting a big screen TV in the sanctuary instead of the projector we currently use. Not an action item yet, as no formal action by the Technology group has been taken. Mixed feelings about such a device in the Sanctuary. Some feel it would soon blend into the surroundings, if it was installed well. Others, not so sure. [For comparison: the image currently being projected measures 108" wide by 78" high. The largest TV Pastor John could find online is a Mitsubishi DLP that measures 92" x 55" and costs \$6,000.] Discussion to be continued.

15. Wooden Chalice Project. Steve Engh was not able to attend today's meeting, but stopped by earlier in the week to show work completed so far and bring invoices for same. Pictures at: <http://mountcross.com/woodenchalices.htm>

Steve is aiming at October 23 as the completion date, so that we might dedicate and begin using them on the Sunday of our 45th anniversary. We'll invite Steve to be present for at least one of the services. Also suggested that day of our

Action: Request that Church Council approve the following expenditures from the 28.158 · Wooden Chalice Project funds and from the 28.2 Memorials (General) funds. [NOTE: The family names and amounts that were in their memorial funds (28.2) are listed. They have been moved to 28.158 - Wooden Chalice Project.]

Chalice #1. Description: A shallow, silver lined chalice for intinction. Cost: \$1154.79. Recommendation: This chalice was paid out of "Local Church" for before we determined which memorial fund would be used. A journal entry should be made to move this expense out of Local Church and charged against a portion of the money that was in the Adda Lukehart fund.

Chalice #2. Description: A deep, silver lined chalice for drinking. Cost: \$1414.22. Recommendation: This chalice has already been paid for using the balance that was in the Ken Petersen memorial fund.

Chalice #3. Description: A shallow, silver lined chalice for intinction. Cost: \$1248.31* Recommendation: This chalice be paid for from money that was in the Arlene Persons memorial fund.

Chalice #4. Description: A deep, silver lined chalice for drinking. Cost: \$1559.08* Recommendation: This chalice be paid for using all the money that was in the Al & Suzanne Schindler memorial fund. The remaining balance (\$69.40) be paid from 28.2 - General Memorial.

Ciborium #1. Description: A deep, silver rimmed container for Communion bread, with wooden lid topped with silver cross. Cost: \$686.20 (estimate). Recommendation: This ciborium be paid for using the balance of what was in the Adda Lukehart fund. The remaining balance (approximately \$21.00) be paid from 28.2 - General Memorial.

Ciborium #2. Description: A deep, silver rimmed container for Communion bread, with wooden lid topped with silver cross. Cost: \$686.20 (estimate). Recommendation: To be determined at a later date.

Paten #1 & Paten #2. Description: Wooden plate on which the large wafer and Communion bread are placed. Cost: \$75 each (estimate). Recommendation: These items be paid for using funds that were previously in the Norma Walden memorial fund.

* Price increase of the second of each due to rise in price of silver.

[NOTE: This part of the minutes will be forwarded to the Executive Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee for action at the October Church Council meeting.]

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor John W. Soyster
Secretary pro tem

Minutes
Mount Cross Music Staff
Worship & Music Committee
July 24, 2011 – 11:45 a.m.

- 1. Present:** Linda Frantz, Jayne Pompey, Pastor John, Steve Engh.
- 2.** Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer.
- 3. Date of next meeting:** Sunday, September 18 at Noon.
- 4. Wooden chalice update.** Steve Engh brought four finished or nearly finished chalices and one ciborium under construction.



Above: Two of the deep chalices, for drinking and one of the shallow chalices for intinction.



Above: The four finished or nearly finished chalices, 2 deep, 2 shallow.



Above: one of the two ciborium (under construction). The two ciborium will have wooden lids topped with silver crosses.

In addition, Steve will make one 5 3/4" oak paten. This will sit atop one of the chalices so that we can continue to use it under the veil. If we desire he can also make us a larger paten.

1. Memorial fund update. The following memorial funds have been approved for this project:

- Adda Lukehart (\$1,820; any leftover balance to Endowment Fund),
- Al & Suzanne Schindler (\$1,489; any leftover balance to Endowment Fund),
- Arlene Persons (\$1,400),
- Norma Walden (\$500)

Two other families, each with about \$1000 are going to be contacted about this project.

2. Worship schedule:

DATE	DAY	NOTES
July 31	Pentecost 7	The Case Of The Distracted Soul: <i>Mary & Martha</i>
August 7	Pentecost 8	The Case Of The Generous Soul: <i>Zacchaeus</i>

		Communion: 1 st Sunday of the month = little cups & 1 chalice (all other <i>summer</i> Sundays = 2 chalices)
14	Pentecost 9	The Case Of The Unforgiven Soul: <i>The Paralytic</i> <i>Possible date for mid-summer Baptism Festival</i>
21	Pentecost 10	The Case Of The Unforgiving Soul: <i>The Unforgiving Servant</i> <i>Possible date for mid-summer Baptism Festival</i>
28	Pentecost 11	The Case Of The Courageous Soul: <i>Esther</i> 10 a.m. – Service in the Park 11:30 a.m. – Church Picnic End of summer worship schedule & <i>Soul Care</i> series
September 4	Pentecost 12	Labor Day weekend Return to three service schedule
11	Pentecost 13	Rally Day (Worship & Music Committee in charge of set-up & take-down)**
18	Pentecost 14	Start of Sunday School
25	Pentecost 15	
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